Clarenceville changes to annual tax collection

BY MARIE CHESTEY

All property owners in the
Clarenceville School District, including bosinesses, will pay their
entire tax bill this summer.

The good news is that tarpayers won't face a winter tax bill, asthey have in past years.

The district, which includes a
portion of Farmington Hills,
switched to the one-time-only
summer tax collection after determining that a single tax bill won't
be unduly burdensome to businesses, said Right Skrocki,
finance director of Clarenceville.

We talked to a few business
people and gave them examples of
what will happen to them.

Skrocki said. "Business will pay a
little more in the summer, but
they'll still pay less than they did
before, and they won't have a second bill in the winter."

For example, total taxes in
1933-94 on a Clarenceville business with a State Equalized Valuation of \$100,000 were \$6,500, To-

tal taxes on the same business in 1994-95 will drop to \$4,700, with the business paying 100 percent of the bill this summer.

"This means the summer tax will be \$1,450 more than the 1993-94 summer tax," Skrock is said. "It also means that the winter tax will be zero. This is a total saving of \$1,800. Business people will have to put up a little more in summer, but nothing in winter."

On March 15, with the passage of Proposal A, Clarenceville's property tax plunged from 42.18 mills to 6.10 mills.

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Having just one tax collection this summer will keep Clarenceville from paying higher interest charges on money it must borrow for school operations. Skrocki said.

This will be the first time in the six years that he's been with the district that Clarenceville will horrow money. Skrocki said.

gNen with the summer-only tax collection. Clarenceville expects

to borrow at least \$800,000, Skrocki said.
But if it had stayed with the two tax collections, summer and winter, it would have had to bor-row \$1.8 million, he said.

A 4 percent interest rate on the \$800,000 means the district will pay \$88.89 per day, or \$2,666 a month, in interest charges.

But a 4 percent interest rate on \$1.8 million shoots the interest charge up to \$200 a day, or \$6,000 a month, he said.

Clarenceville laid the ground-Chrenceville laid the ground-work for a summer-only collection in December, when the school board approved giving itself the option of doing so in 1994. State law requires districts to tell taxpayers ahead of time how taxes will be collected in a given

year. Under Proposal A, the yearly school tax rate now paid by businesses is 24 mills, four times more than the 6 mills paid by homeowners.

RECREATION NEWS

Each week, the recreation divi-sion of the Farmington Hills De-partment of Special Services pre-sents a synopsis of upcoming ac-tivities. For more information regarding programs, call the rec-reation office at 473-9570. For city council agenda items, call the Newsline at 476-3838.

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At the Department of Special Services office, Farmington/Farmington Hills residents, in person, may reserve one of the three shelters within Heritage Park. Rental and deposit money must be paid at the time of reservation. To obtain rental fees and location and size of shelter, call the registration office at 473-9570.

B. SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

New teams may now register for an adult aummer softball league at the recreation office. Leagues available include men's, wamen's and coad: Three are 14 games plus playoffs for the men's and worner's leagues, and 10 games plus playoffs for coed leagues. Registration fees are \$410 for resident/industrial, \$450 for open, and \$355 for coed. Call 473-9579 for

additional information.

MOUTOOOR SAND VOLLEYBALL
REGISTRATION
Repistration for returning teams will begin April 4 at the recreation office. New teams can begin registering April 18 on a first-come first-served basis. All games will be played at the new sand volley-ball courts at Founders Sports Park. For more information, call the Recreation office at 473-9570.

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Day camps are scheduled for 6-to 3-year-olds and 9-to 12-year-olds. Nature's Way Camps will also be for ages 6-3 and 9-12 ages. There are eight one-week sessions scheduled beginning June 20. Half-day seasion for Camp Week Wonno (ages 3-6) are also available. For more information, contact the recreation office.

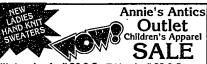
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cial stops along the way. The evenings and with a camp fire and resulting marshmallows. Fee of \$5 per person will be accepted for the Wednesday, April 27, May 4, May 18 and June 1 programs. Program runs from 7-8 p.m.

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