

It's play time!



New playscape: Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commissioners (from left) Roy Rewold of Rochester, Jean Fox of Farmington Hills, George Kuhn of Orchard Lake and Pecky Lewis of Bloomfield Hills examine Groveland Oaks' new playscape, the largest playground complex in the county parks system. Groveland Oaks is on Dixie Highway at Grange Hall Road near Holly.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

Racial climate examined

Hud Perkins, Channel 2 media personality, will speak on the racial and ethnic climate in the metropolitan Detroit area and on the role of the media in promoting diversity at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Farmington Training/Conference Center, 33000 Thomas, Farmington.

The event, open to the public, is sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council. Monthly programs on racial and ethnic topics are planned.

In October, Rabbi Sherwin Wine will speak on "Creating a Healthy Metropolitan Area."

Strike up the band

Band and orchestra students from the three Farmington-area public high schools — Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington — will don their uniforms and concert attire for the annual "Tag Days" fund-raising drive Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16-17.

The students will be stationed outside area businesses. For any donation placed in the canisters, they'll issue a ticket (or tag) for an upcoming Band-O-Rama concert at one of the high schools.

Money raised will be equally divided between the music programs at the three schools. Funds will be used to help pay for educational trips, guest clinicians, music scholarships, band camps and special projects.

Memory Lane

From the Sept. 16, 1964 edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

■ Residential building in Farmington and Farmington Township continued at a rapid rate with houses going in all sections of the community. A record 228 building permits were issued in Farmington during August of 1964, while 38 such permits were issued in the township.

■ A book drop was installed by the front door of the Farmington Library located in the Town Hall at Farmington and Grand River.

■ Farmington's newest police car, a 1964 Buick, was put on the road after receiving its city markings.

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Bates speaks to homeowner group

Farmington Hills councilwoman Nancy Bates will speak at the general membership meeting of the Council of Homeowner Associations at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the lower level conference room of the

Hills branch of the Community Library on 12 Mile Road.

Bates will speak on the city request for a 5-mill tax increase for property acquisition.

Also, committee reports will be given on the following subjects:

beautification, the ice arena, schools and bus stop safety, Commission on Children, Youth and Families, cellular towers, traffic, parks and recreation and bike paths, and development.

The meeting is open to the public.

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