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| • Jerry Ellis
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Hills council has another go weighing Dumpster ordinance

■ 'We've already beaten this thing to death.'

Cheryl Oliverio
- Hills council member

BY WILLIAM COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Planning Director Dale Countegan had a mock smile as he brought up a Dumpster screening ordinance at Monday's city council meeting.

"We're back," he said. Council member Cheryl Oliverio may have summed up best her colleagues' feelings about the issue.

"We've already beaten this thing to death," she said. The council unanimously approved the reintroduction of the ordinance that provides screening guidelines, standards and enforcement provisions that will be effective Jan. 1, 1997 if enacted next month.

The current ordinance was put in effect on Sept. 1, 1993, to control the spread of debris from Dumpsters in all areas, whether residential, light industrial or commercial. Several business owners complained that it was too expensive for them to build special enclosures, replace damaged enclosures and provide access for waste haulers.

"Those improvements could cost from \$600 to thousands of dollars," Countegan said. Residents, especially those near commercial areas with Dumpsters, complained about the debris and unsightly areas where they were stored.

In March of this year, the council introduced revisions designed to lessen the burden on businesses while protecting the surrounding area.

The revised ordinance says screening shall not be "unreasonable" and can be accomplished with walls, berms or vegetation or a combination. The Dumpsters are required to be out of sight of residential areas.

The revision would allow temporary waivers for some construction sites and for areas out of sight of residential areas.

One of the controversial provisions involves allowing a waiver for the year for the provision. That waiver would be in an area of light industrial

business where the Dumpster would only be in view of another business, not a residential area.

Attorney Richard Daguanno, representing the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, said he did not understand why a business granted a waiver would need to renew it every three years if nothing changed.

"Why not have those properties (with waivers) exempted from this provision?" he said.

City Attorney John Donohue said if there were a change in zoning, a waiver would not apply anyway. He added that regardless of where a Dumpster was, blowing debris or other related problems were already outlawed by blight statutes and other ordinances.

"This applies across the city," Donohue said. "Blowing debris, can't happen."

Councilman Jerry Ellis said his preference would be to screen all Dumpsters on all four sides. "But that's a problem for business," he said. "We will not satisfy everybody all of the time. This goes a long way to solve most of the problems for most people."

Councilman Terry Sever said the waiver review should be handled in the form of a notice given to a business by the city, thereby relieving the business owner of some of the burden.

"We hear a lot about over regulation," he said. "In the waiver review, it should be the responsibility of city to notify the owner. Provided there is no change, the owner should be able to sign a form, return it and have it (waiver) automatically renewed. It takes the burden off the business owner."

The ordinance is scheduled for final approval at the city's Oct. 21 meeting.

Award-winning Rouge River study signals need for disposal changes

BY TODD WICKS
STAFF WRITER

An award-winning river study has pointed out some needed waste-disposal changes in the Farmington area.

The Oakland County Health Division recently received the 1996 Director's Award from the Michigan Department of Community Health for its two-year project examining pollution problems in the Rouge River and its local tributaries.

"The study was geared at the headwaters area, which encompasses Southfield, Farmington and Farmington Hills," said Keith Krinn of Environmental Health Services in Oakland County.

Researchers found much of the pollution coming from older homes with on-site septic systems.

"Because those houses are older, more problems were found there," he said. "In general, it tells us that homes with on-site septic systems in older areas

aren't going to last forever.

"We're absolutely against replacement of septic systems in areas where there's clusters of positive tests. When you have a concentrated area of four or five homes showing leakage and repair permits, two from this year, three from the year before, they're just going to fail again."

According to Ron Grimes, administrator of Environmental Health Services, the solution is clear.

"We feel that the best option is to get municipal sewers available so we're not using the ground as the final discharge point," he said.

But there are problems. "The terrain of the area makes it difficult to get conventional sewers in both Farmington and Southfield. We're looking at different options they might have and are working with the cities on that."

But a local sewer extension is not yet in the planning stages, said Thomas Biasell, director of the Department of Public Services in Farmington Hills.

"There are no solutions as of yet, nothing we are working on at the present time other than looking at the watershed as a problem which encompasses a lot more than just a failing septic," he said.

Biasell pointed out other sources of pollution to the Rouge. "The one (the Health Services) focused on originally is combined sewer overflows," Biasell said. "Now they're looking at some non-point sources, like runoff from agricultural areas, fertilizers from a field, that sort of thing."

"We are using this data to make a long-term decision."

The Rouge River study began in June 1994. Student interns collected water samples and analyzed organisms living in the river sediment.

A similar test was run the next year. According to results, 45 percent of the 65 homes tested showed some degree of leakage, contributing to river contamination.

Farmington Community Schools offer classes on a variety of subjects

The following classes are being offered by Farmington Community Schools:

■ One day crafts, Thursdays call for date, 489-3333. Two hour craft classes offered in the morning 9-11 a.m. and again in the evening, 7-9 p.m. Class fee \$11, kit fee, \$5 to \$17.

■ One day flower arranging T-shirt design, Thursdays call for date 489-3333. All classes are on Thursday from 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Cost \$11, material fee \$20-25.

■ Kitchen remodeling, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30-9:30 p.m., class 1501-01. Licensed instructor explains all facets of kitchen remodeling including planning, meeting building codes and estimating material. Also discussed l tying into existing plumbing, electrical and heating system.

■ Bathroom remodeling, Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Licensed instructors

explains all facets of bathroom remodeling.

■ Build your own home II, Nov. 11-Monday-Wednesday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

■ Adding family living space Nov. 5, Tuesday/Thursday, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

■ Meeting and mingling, Oct. 9, 7-9 p.m. Understand the protocol of networking. Learn effective networking that is vital to good business and successful relationships.

■ Basketball for men, Oct. 28, 7-9 p.m., Class 2705-01 Warner Middle school and Class 2706-01, Power Middle School. Basketball for men held at Warner Middle School on Monday evenings. Meet and play in teams. Also held at Power Middle School on Tuesday evening.

■ Freedom from back and neck pain Nov. 11, Wednesday 7-9 p.m. Learn the causes of back

and neck pain conditions and care options available.

■ No loan investing, Oct. 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. How to pick the right investment for you. Learn from research, to selection, to implementation, to monitoring.

■ Grow rich slowly Oct. 21, 7-9:30 p.m. What to do with a lifetime of investment. Issues of estate taxes, wills, trusts, investments and management of their assets.

■ Video production, Nov. 7, 7-9 p.m., learn elements of good production, camera angles, shot composition and discussion of bringing problems and solutions. Try a camcorder.

Classes held at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawwasas. For information call 489-3333.

Farmington Democrats host fund-raiser Oct. 5

Farmington/Farmington Hills Democrats are planning a fun wine tasting and cheese party for Saturday, Oct. 5.

The party, which will raise funds for Farmington area candidates, will be held at the home

of Aldo and Lois Vagnozzi, 26193 Kiltartan, Kimberley subdivision, Middlebelt and 11 Mile.

The party will start at 7:30 p.m. Several local, county and state Democratic as well as non-

partisan judicial candidates are expected to attend.

Tickets are \$15 a person. People who plan to attend should let the Farmington Democratic Club know by calling 474-3855.