

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the past week.

ADDITION TOWNSHIP

Telephone tower proposed: The Addison Township board is considering a proposal to construct a 100- to 150-foot telephone tower near the township fire station. Supervisor Robert Kaski said the tower would be good for the township "if we can strike the proper deal. It will improve our broadcasting from the fire department and the township would gain additional revenues."

BIRMINGHAM

Training center costs \$4.7 million: An Educational Training and Development Center is being proposed to generate revenue for Birmingham schools at a cost of \$4.7 million. The 21,000-square-foot center, proposed at Groves High School, will provide training space for local businesses, small corporations and district staff. Slated for completion in January 1998, the center is expected to generate net revenues of \$4 million after five years.

Winterfest in jeopardy: Winterfest in Birmingham may become frozen in time. Birmingham Principal Shopping District is pondering whether the costs of the event justify its continuation. The PSD collected \$10,256 in income from sponsors and food vendors, but the expense was \$16,281.

CLARKSTON

Try, try again: Two candi-

dates, who were unsuccessful in their attempts to become Clarkston school board members last year are making another bid for office. Rick Crigger, 43, and Barry Bomier, 45, announced their intentions to run for two four-year terms up for election June 9. Recently, board president Bill McGregor announced that Bill Craig announced they would not seek re-election to those terms.

Citizen suggestions desired: Clarkston school officials are looking for community input on the district's long-range strategic plan. The initiatives include academic excellence, personal growth, quality service and fiscal responsibility. For more information, call Dave Reschke at (810) 625-4402.

FARMINGTON

Bond issue would fund renovations, expansions: Voters in Farmington will be asked to approve a \$110 million bond issue March 25, which will fund facility renovations and expansions. The bond would fund elementary, middle and high school improvements.

Sub shops burglarized: Burglars took a sandwich to go with the more than \$4,500 in cash they stole from two Farmington submarine shops. Tuffy's Sub Shop and Subway, both on Grand River Ave., were burglarized after closing March 3. At Subway, the thieves made themselves a sandwich after taking \$30 in change.

LAKE ORION

Park to open in summer:

The Lake Orion Friendship Park is expected to be fully functional by spring 1998, but children will be able to use the playground this summer. A contract for landscape and parking lot work was awarded to C & H Spray and Landscaping, the low bidder at \$648,000.

Task force needs funds: The Regional M-24 Task Force is ready to move forward, but it needs funding to fuel the project. The task force is seeking financial commitments from Lake Orion, Orion Township, Oxford Village, Oxford Township and possibly Lapeer and Auburn Hills for safety improvements and a corridor study for M-24. The work will cost participating entities a total of \$2,700 or about \$540 a piece if all five participate.

OXFORD

Tower talk planned: A water tower is proposed for the Red Barn subdivision to service the Oxford Woods well system. A special land use will be needed. The bond would fund the 3.28-acre site. Residents interested in commenting or questioning the proposal are invited to attend a second public meeting to be conducted at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 13, at Oxford Free Methodist Church, 790 S. Lapeer, in Oxford.

SOUTHFIELD

Elementary extends school year: Vandenberg Elementary School in Southfield will be offering an extended year magnet school beginning this summer. Classes for the new year will begin Aug. 14 and conclude the

first week of July. The motive is better retention of subjects learned the prior year due to a shorter summer break.

Special tax district proposed: Southfield city officials are proposing a plan to create a special tax district along Eight Mile, near the Bridge Street Bridge. The district would pay for the reconstruction of the bridge, paving of additional roadways, traffic improvements and the construction of new buildings, resulting in the retention of 1,400 jobs and the creation of about 800 new jobs. A public hearing on the matter is scheduled for March 24.

ROCHESTER

Few show for bond issue forum: Only two residents attended a public forum on Rochester Community Schools' \$112.5 million bond proposal. School district officials continue to speak at civic, PTA and church meetings about the March 18 ballot proposal. The 20-year bond issue would raise the debt levy by 2.4 mills, a \$240 annual increase for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

Houses proposed for greens: A proposed 280-home subdivision to replace Rochester Golf Course is par for the course.

A preliminary plat submitted to the city includes housing starting around \$250,000 to be built over the next three to four years.

TROY

Subway shop killer faces life: The final defendant in an October 1994 slaying is going to prison for life. Detroit resident Carlton Banks was found guilty of 14 charges, including first-degree murder, which carries a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment. He will be sentenced March 20. Banks is one of four men whose attempt to rob a Subway shop in Troy ended in the murder of employee Angela Garcia, 19. Other defendants, Eric Whisnant of Troy and Darin Hall of Sterling Heights, face 10 to 40 years in prison. Ming He is serving a life sentence without parole.

Ballot items unsettled: An election will be held April 7, but what Troy residents will be voting on is still in question.

Last week, Sue Ciccone was disqualified as a council contender and now State Attorney General Frank Kelley and Gov. John Engler will decide if a .75 millage increase for road repairs will be on the ballot due to untimely and insufficient actions by the city council and the city

administrator.

WALLED LAKE

Baby suffers from rare disease: Money is being raised for a 15-month-old Jacob Dinkins of Wallied Lake, who suffers from Histiocytosis, a mysterious and sometimes fatal blood disease that affects 1,000 American children and adults each year. Donations can be made payable to the Histiocytosis Association of America and sent to Jacob Dinkins, 11893 Lone Pine, Wallied Lake, MI 48390. For more information about Histiocytosis, call 1 (800) 548-2755.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Contract taken out on moths: Gypsy moths in West Bloomfield will have a short-lived spring if spraying efforts are successful. The West Bloomfield Township board approved a contract with the National Gypsy Moth Management Group to spray a maximum of 1,765 acres at a cost of \$43,242.

Anti-gang seminar planned: An Interlakes Gang Task Force seminar is scheduled from 2-5 p.m., Sunday at St. William Parish Activities Center in Wallied Lake. For information, call (810) 624-1421.

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