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members of the playscape steering and fund-raising committee. They will be installed at Shawnee Park, Drake Park and in front of Masonic Temple at Grand River-Farmington.

"I think we really need the visibility the signs will give us," said committee member Nancy Tashman following the meeting, held on Tuesday instead of Monday due to the Martin Luther King holiday. "And hopefully, this will spur businesses' interest in donating to the playscape fund-raising effort."

Tashman, co-chair of the fund raising committee, also emphasized another reason for the signs - to thank those businesses who have already contributed.

Arnold Campbell, veteran Farmington councilman, said the signs will be "positioned at corners with lots of traffic, and heighten awareness" among potential business and corporate

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contributors and volunteers to assist in installation of the equipment.

For Phase 1, about \$60,000 from the city will be augmented with about \$16,100 generated from \$25 "Pick-a-Pick-et" sales and other donations. That money will be the following: two play structures (separate ones for tots and older children), tire swings, a four-seat swing set and miscellaneous pro-

tective surface materials - including geotextile fabric, pea gravel and "soft-fall" wood chips. Campbell said Phase 1 equipment will be delivered in mid-May for installation in June. The council also wants to order equipment for Phase 2 by the end of March so that the entire project can be put up at the same time.

Currently, the second phase would include "peripheral equipment," such as picnic tables, bike racks and glider swings.

The amount of equipment for Phase 2 depends on how successful playscape fund-raising efforts are in the coming two months. Assistant City Manager Bill Richards said the community is donating at a rate of about \$2,000 per week.

Before the Phase 1 purchase was approved, Richards estimated to the council that about \$33,000 had been raised thus far



through the various community donations. But the council's subsequent action virtually cut that amount in half, due to the \$16,100 earmarked for Phase 1.

Playscape committee members previously set a total fund-raising goal of \$125,000, including the \$60,000 city contribution.

Staff links 'Kids World' fund raising

Highmeadow Common Camp- efforts for the Shawnee Park 'Kids World' playscape with the recent school board recognition

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for the seven board members, each containing a photo and corresponding name.

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by Josephine Finazza, D.M.D.

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COMBINATIONS OF DRUGS IN ARTHRITIS

Traditionally in treating rheumatoid arthritis, physicians begin with a single medication such as aspirin. When this medicine, called a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, does not succeed, physicians add another class of medication called a disease modifying antirheumatic drug. Examples of this class are gold compounds and methotrexate.

In the past, if addition of a disease modifying drug proved unsuccessful, the physician would stop the drug, and go to another one in the same class, such as immunan, or azathioprine.

As an alternative to the disease modifying drugs, some physicians turn to slow acting medications such as plaquenil or hydroxychloroquine.

Evaluations of these different approaches indicated that none alone work very well. Such results lead doctors to start combining medications. Now it is reasonable therapy for a patient with rheumatoid arthritis to receive a non-steroidal such as rofecoxib, plus a disease modifying drug like methotrexate, and in addition take a slow acting medicine like plaquenil.

In the attempt to improve treatment further, physicians have begun to combine disease modifying drugs so that a patient may receive both methotrexate and azathioprine. Whether the increase in cost, complexity and possibly greater toxicity will be worth the results, it will be the testing stone.

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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

FLUORIDE TO THE RESCUE

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sector work) wasn't what I thought it would be. So I got back into city management.

"I just wasn't happy. I didn't feel it was rewarding as being a city manager."

As Wildwood's first-ever manager, Costick is enjoying the gush of responsibilities.

Unlike the township form of government here, Missouri counties govern unincorporated areas. Residents "upset" at what they perceived as development going unchecked in the western part of St. Louis County, decided to form their own city.

Wildwood, which is 67 square miles compared to 34 in the Hills, is the third largest city geographically in Missouri, behind Kansas City and Springfield; St. Louis is fourth. The city is a mixture of residential and horse farms.

As a new entity, Wildwood features a 1990s style of governing. The city's public works area is privatized and it contracts police service from the county. There are also separate districts providing firefighting service in the county. Two at-large districts serve Wildwood residents.

Wildwood voters elect their representatives from each of the 16 wards, which gives the city that number of council members as well as an elected mayor.

"It works fine," Costick said about having 17 bosses compared to the seven he had in Farmington Hills. "We just have a big council table."

Though removed from Farmington Hills, Costick maintains an interest. He presided when the city grew from 68,000 to 85,000 residents.

He visits occasionally and talks to council members, Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff and, of course, Hills City Manager Steve Brock. "I didn't break all my ties," he said.

He's pleased to see his former assistant at the helm, too.

"We've always supported one another," Costick said. "Steve and I had a chance to

"When a manager leaves, the person has to leave. After I left, I never got involved in anything there. If anybody ever called and asked for information, if I could, I'd give my opinion or whatever."

Bill Costick
-Former city manager

work together for a number of years.

"He doesn't call me for advice. He hasn't had to. He knows what he's doing."

Though an interested observer, Costick is a detached one.

"When a manager leaves, the person has to leave," he said. "After I left, I never got involved in anything there. If anybody ever called and asked for information, if I could, I'd give my opinion or whatever."

Costick doesn't elaborate on his brief tenure as Bay Harbor general manager, only to say "it didn't work out."

He has 30 years of working in the public sector, starting as an assistant city manager in East Lansing before going onto the manager's position in Flushing, near Flint. He also served as Troy's deputy city manager.

Costick came to Farmington Hills in 1981 as an assistant to then-City Manager Larry Savage. He became Hills city manager in 1984.

His management style was personable and hands-on. He guided the city through an unprecedented growth period, which often involved working 60-hour weeks.

He's doing the same in Wildwood.

"I think any city manager in a community like this is going to work 50 to 60 hours," Costick said. "In our Steve Brock is doing the same."

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