

Professor Hill



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"The Music Man." When Professor Hill, played by Clarenceville senior Steve Shaw, comes to town, townsfolks start talking about starting a band. What happens next turns into a love story and comes alive on stage this week at Clarenceville High School in the musical "The Music Man." Clarenceville students in grades three through 12 perform in the show's 70-member chorus. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Schmidt Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt. Tickets are available at the door.

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hungry people." Powell and others won't be able to duplicate that setting anywhere else in Farmington Hills - at least not with what they're being offered, they said.

Young said he doesn't like being portrayed as a "gold digger," either. Malan Realty's Mike Kaline characterized holdouts as being unrealistic.

Ironically, all 47 homeowners in Clairview had agreements with another developer, but those plans fell through. With those dashed hopes, so did anticipated sales of their homes.

Malan Realty is offering more than market value, but reportedly not as much as the pre-

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vious developer.

"It can't compare; he can't touch (the previous) offer," said Gloria Colgrove, who lives in a 2,400-square-foot brick ranch on Clairview Drive. "But we're not going to give away our homes, either."

Colgrove and others are upset with the current developer's "take it or leave it" attitude. She received a contract March 16 and was told to return it by March 28.

"I don't jump for anyone like that," Colgrove said.

After the last deal fell through, Powell put in a new driveway and has done other home improvements.

Colgrove and her husband have put money into their home, too. They've replaced a sump pump and had to fix a leaky basement.

Bitterness over the protracted ordeal continues to seep in, though.

Colgrove said a lien remained on the home well after the previous contract expired. Only after intervention of an attorney and five letters did the matter get resolved, she said.

"I've got enough paperwork and contracts to wallpaper this room," she said.

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"The complaints are legitimate," Goss said. "If you go there at 11 o'clock (a.m.) or thereafter, you're not going to find parking spaces. You'll be lucky to find one or two."

There are 77 parking spaces in the municipal lot. An additional 23 spaces are available in adjacent private lots.

It was suggested that the greenbelt between the municipal lot and public library be

removed, to add a few spaces. But Goss said he didn't think that would make much of a difference in alleviating the situation.

Another idea was requiring delivery trucks to do drop-offs on nearby State Street, which runs along the south side of the lot.

"But that's a fire route," Goss said.

Parking meters for the bank of spaces is another consideration,

but one Goss said the city isn't ready for yet.

The public safety director noted that there is available parking space in another city lot, on the south side of State Street. Much of the time, that lot is underused.

Among those not at the meeting were Dennis Page and J. Mark Hoppard, president of Mutual Financial Services.

Hoppard, in a March 9 letter

to Goss, said the proposal "seems to serve only a portion of the businesses adjoining the parking lot... But if I have not made my point completely clear, I couldn't be more against this idea."

Many of Hoppard's employees are female and park as close to the business as possible. "I abhor the idea of them walking alone to the parking lot south of State Street at any time, much less in inclement weather."

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"Most of what we do is teaching," Hunt said, adding a recent meeting featured Japanese floral design.

At the Festival of the Arts, visitors may stop by say hello, and take a peek at some of the floral designs provided by members. Information about joining the club also will be available.

The club meets the first Monday of every month at the Longacre House. For more information call Hunt at 563-0986.

Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet

Starting with Betty, the Johnston's have had a dance studio in the Farmington area for almost a half-century. Her son, Eric, has followed her lead and now operates Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet.

"I'm building on some traditions that were started here," Johnston said of his dance studio at which students learn ballet, tap and jazz. "I teach in the classical tradition."

An advocate of the arts in the community, Johnston is creating a new ballet - yet untitled - based on musical theater for the Festival of the Arts. That ballet will be performed on Friday during the festival week at the William Costick Activities Center.

Johnston also is coordinating a Festival of the Dance in late May at Farmington High School. He is looking for volunteers, as well as audition tapes.

For more information about Johnston's dance programs, call him at 474-3174.

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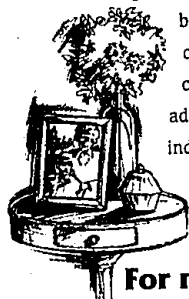


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