

Farmington Beautification Commission will expand

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The Farmington Beautification Commission now has a chance to bloom into a larger entity, one that could take on more projects than ever before.

During the May 17 Farmington City Council meeting, an amendment was approved to allow the beautification commission's membership to increase

from seven to nine.

Chairwoman Patricia Shelton attended the meeting, and reiterated why the amendment to commission by-laws was necessary. It began with the recent recruitment of several new members.

"New blood brings new ideas," she said. "... But it would help us to have additional people to work on projects."

With the amendment, two new

members will need to be recruited for three-year terms.

In addition, another newcomer will be sought to replace a current commissioner who is intending to switch to a different city board, Shelton said.

"We do need assistance in recruiting members," she added.

With a larger membership, Shelton talked about the commission being able to tackle more projects.

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—Beautification chairwoman

These include: encouraging businesses to spruce up appearance through window displays

and by collaborating with the Farmington Historical Commission on various endeavors.

But Shelton mentioned another possible project.

"We're hopeful to, in the year 2000, to organize a 'Spruce Up The City' campaign," Shelton said. "But we need more help."

Other additional projects the beautification commission currently oversees include the annual Beautification Awards Breakfast and Tribute Tree Program.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Farmington Community Library will start its Summer Reading Clubs Tuesday, June 1, at the Farmington Hills branch, and Wednesday, June 2, at the Farmington branch.

The programs are scheduled 6:30-8:30 p.m. and combine registration with children's entertainment by Harpbeat. Readers may also register for the programs throughout June and July at both library branches.

It's a "G'Day for Reading" is the theme of the children's program, which focuses on the "Land Down Under."

Readers and pre-readers ages 2-11 may earn prizes by filling in reading record cards with the titles of library books they have read over the course of the summer. Children who complete their reading cards will be entered into a grand drawing and can continue reading to earn paperback books.

Young adults will work to solve a mystery surrounding Itchta Travel, world-renowned editor of the "Boy 'Round the World 'Til You Drop" newsletter.

Someone has stolen Itchta's covered computer disks and she wants them back. Young adults can help her out by reading books and collecting clue cards to identify the culprit. Readers will also be entered into weekly drawings as they finish books and complete excursion reports. The program, "Around the World in 60 Days," is open to young adults ages 11-17.

Adults may join a program called "Professions in Fiction," which highlights books with main characters employed in a range of occupations.

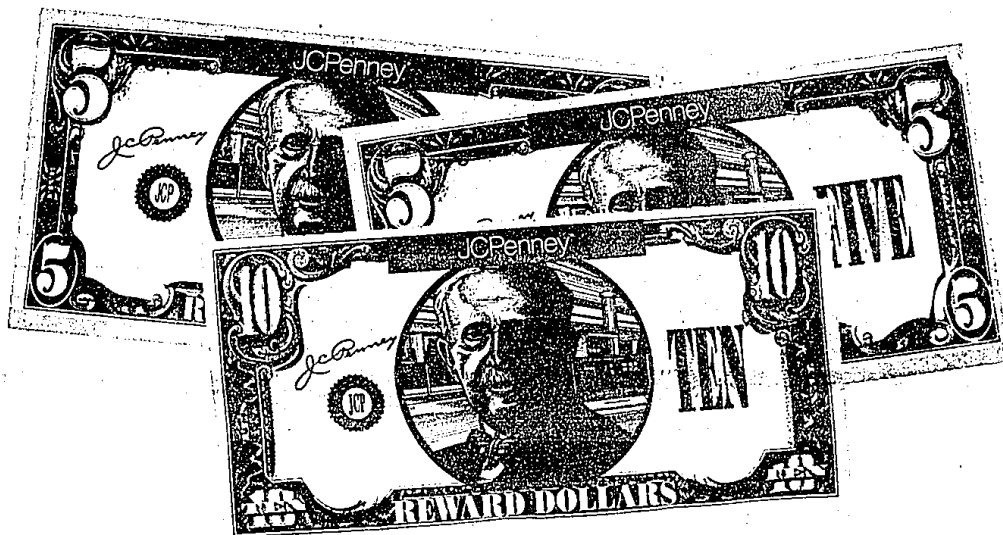
Librarians have created lists of books about artists, authors, chefs, doctors, lawyers, librarians, scientists and teachers. Participants who are looking for something a bit more offbeat may also read from a list titled "Odd Jobs for Odd People," which includes a weatherman, a clairvoyant, a drive-in movie owners and a designer of mazes.

All of the reading programs run June 1-July 31. For more information, call the Hills library at (248) 553-0300, or the downtown branch at (248) 474-7770.

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HOT HITS

- We'll Meet Again, Mary Higgins Clark
- Ashes to Ashes, Tami Hoag
- The Pilot's Wife, Anita Shreve
- n White Oleander, Janet Fitch
- Tara Road, Maeve Binchy
- Bittersweet, Danielle Sweet
- River's End, Nora Roberts
- The Testament, John Grisham
- The Reader, Bernhard Schlink
- A New Song, Jan Karon
- I Thee Wed, Amanda Quick
- All Too Human: A Political Education, George Stephanopoulos
- Mistaken Identity, Lisa Scottoline
- Certain Prey, John Sandford
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