

# Cluster Housing Request Denied

**FARMINGTON**  
The Farmington City Council has denied a rezoning request which would have allowed construction of a cluster housing project but has indicated verbally it would like to see the project developed if feasible.

Monday night the council rejected by a 4-1 vote a request to rezone to deluxe multiple (R-5) the 22-acre parcel on Drake north of Freedom Dr.

Developer Bruce Polozker wanted the deluxe multiple zoning to develop a cluster project.

Councilman John Richardson made the motion to deny the deluxe multiple so the developer could submit another request once the cluster zoning amendment is adopted.

Councilman John Allen cast the dissenting vote and took the position the council should be asked to rezone the request and use the 22 acres as a working model while drafting the amendment.

Cluster housing is a new type of single-family home, Allen told residents at the hearing, and some of the homes Polozker proposes to build equal in size the homes in Drake Heights subdivision which is the closest residential sub to the site.

BY GROUPING the homes together in fours or sixes, Allen said, land is then freed to use for parks, tennis courts or swimming pools.

"I'm in favor of continuing research into this idea," he said, "and some of the residents who are opposed to the idea are thinking in development of homes and not pass on this but postpone your judgment."

"The city is using the R-5 as a vehicle to allow cluster housing to be developed here. We are planning for a special site and should give them the opportunity to develop it."

Although the council's consensus was in favor of developing the site into cluster homes they felt denial of the deluxe multiple was the best route to take.

Mayor Wilbur Brotherton commented cluster housing was an appropriate and desirable concept under the right circumstances. He added the higher density was not the only factor of cluster housing and stated that variety of housing types also should be considered.

Councilman Fred Siebert commented that development of multiples next to residential does not result in devaluation of residential property and added the 22 acres was not

close enough to have any substantial effect on Drake Heights residents.

Siebert added, however, that he was concerned over any future development along Drake Rd. before the road is paved.

Allen countered that the area must be developed first to generate the tax revenues needed to pay for paving of Drake.

## Township Wages War On Abandoned Cars

**FARMINGTON**  
Farmington Township is beginning a crack down on junk cars which for some time now has been a blight on beautification efforts.

The zoning enforcement department of the township has embarked on a program designed to remove all junk cars in the township.

"STARTING THIS week, two inspectors have been assigned by Supervisor Earl Teeples to search out and have removed all junk cars, on both public and private property."

Michael Hawley and

Charles Faust of the zoning department will undertake the project and have indicated the following steps will be taken.

First, a verbal warning will be given to the resident or car owner to remove the car that is in violation. Second, a followup inspection will be made and if the owner has not complied, then a written warning will be given ordering removal of the car.

Finally, if the written order is not complied with, a summons will be issued requiring an appearance in court and a possible fine plus a

court order requiring removal of the offending car.

TEEPLES SAYS it is estimated there are over 250 junk cars in violation in the township. He believes the program will result in most of the violating cars being gone by Aug. 1.

All information on junk cars should be directed to the zoning enforcement department at the township hall. Records there will reveal if the owners have been contacted and what progress in the three-step program has been made.

## 2 Are Among PBK Initiates

**FARMINGTON**  
Two Farmington residents were among 168 new members initiated into the Michigan State University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic honor society at the society's annual banquet.

Nancy Ann Balint, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Balint of 22729 Mendonville, and Susanne Peckham, daughter of Mrs. Ralph Peckham of 33610 Hillcrest were the Farmington initiates.

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## Millage

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because the state must be forced to better support education.

"We want the district to bargain around the clock now, not in September, and come to an agreement before going to the voters again."

TRUSTEE RICHARD PETERS comments that the district does not yet know the amount of state aid it will receive for the coming year and this will influence bargaining on wages.

Peters adds that the suggestion was "a realistic community appraisal of what should happen, but there are missing elements that make it very difficult to do that."

Trustee Aldo Vagnerzi adds: "We should get across the fact that for any millage increase the bulk of the money collected will go for salaries of employees."

"We're talking about 70 teachers being out of work who will be rehired if the millage passes."

The only services provided by the district to taxpayers is given by employees, he said, such as teachers, maintenance men, secretaries and bus drivers.

"I hope the board will not feel in a defensible position to the commitment to 4.5 mills," Peters says. "That was arrived at as our best estimate of what it would take to continue the program. If it requires less or more, then that's what should appear on the ballot."

**2 Tapped For Honors**  
**FARMINGTON**  
Miss Belinda Novik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Novik of 27533 Kingsgate, Farmington, and Miss Ann Sheerer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sheerer of 31624 Lamar Dr., Farmington, was among 25 Michigan State University coeds tapped for Mortar Board, a national distinguished women's honorary.

Mortar Board members are chosen on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and potential for service to the university community.

Miss Novik, a 1968 graduate of Oak Park High School, is a junior majoring in communication at MSU.

Miss Sheerer, a 1967 graduate of Farmington Senior High School, is a junior in nursing.

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