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Junior-Senior High Registration, School Opening Details Announced

Registration for junior and senior high school students in the Farmington Public School system will begin Wednesday, August 21, and continue through August 30.

School offices will be open Monday through Friday for registration from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Senior high students, grades 10, 11, 12, living south of 11 Mile Road will register at Farmington Senior High, 3200 Shawwassee. Students in grades 10, 11, 12, living north of 11 Mile Road will register at North Farmington High School, 3200 Thimble Mill Road.

The boundary line between Farmington Junior High and Dunclell Junior High is 11 Mile Road from Haggerty Road to Orchard Lake Road. Students living north of this line will attend Dunclell Junior High, 3200 Thimble Mill Road, and students living south of this line will attend Farmington Junior High, 3200 Thimble Mill Road.

The general boundary line for East Junior High is Orchard Lake Road from 13 Mile Road to 10 Mile Road, and Tuck Road from 10 Mile Road to Grand River. The north boundary line is 13 Mile Road. Students living east of Orchard Lake Road and south of 13 Mile Road will attend East Junior High, 3200 Thimble Mill Road. Students living north of 13 Mile Road and east of Orchard Lake Road will attend Dunclell Junior High.

Students living within walking distance (1/4 mile) of Dunclell Junior High will be required to attend Dunclell even though they are within the East Junior High.

Accidents On Area Roads Cause Injuries To Nine

Five persons sustained serious injuries in automobile accidents in Farmington Township this past week and four others received less serious injuries in five separate traffic mishaps.

In critical condition at William Beaumont Hospital with injuries he suffered when his car was split in two from a collision with a tree off Inkster Road near Forestbrook Drive in the Township is Richard Cuenber, 47, of 2870 Greenfield in Berkley, Michigan.

His car slid out of control on the newly oiled Inkster Road surface Monday evening, at 7:15 p.m. August 12. An all-day rain had combined with the newly oiled road to make its surface dangerously slippery.

Guenter was alone in his car heading north on Inkster at the time of the accident.

Charles B. Jabbin, 50, of 28328 Farmington Road in Farmington was seriously injured Sunday afternoon at 11:15 when he apparently lost control of his car and ran into the ditch in front of the 28328 address on Farmington Road.

A 1962 Ford was involved in the Farmington-Brighton Expressway hospitalization a passenger in the car driven by Delbert J. Bourassa, 34, of Taylor Township. The accident occurred Friday, August 9, at 1 a.m.

Lionel E. Dickinson, 23, of Ferndale was driving the other car involved in the expressway crash. Neither he nor Bourassa were injured.

In an accident Thursday evening, August 8, at the intersection of Grand River and Nine Mile Road, a total of five persons in one of the two cars involved were reported injured.

SERIOUSLY injured in the Grand River-Nine Mile crash was Ann S. Christensen, 35, of 14850 Park Street in Livonia. She was taken to St. Mary Hospital along with four less seriously injured passengers in the car.

See AUTO ACCIDENTS Column 3, Page 8A



ROBERT C. BAXTER

Twp. Zoning Bd. Appointment

The Farmington Township Board appointed Robert C. Baxter to the Zoning Board of Appeals in Farmington Township as the replacement for Peter Olfelt on the Township Zoning Board.

Baxter's appointment came at the regular Township Board meeting Monday evening, August 12. The appointment is scheduled to take effect immediately.

OLFELT RESIGNED from the Zoning Board to assume new duties as Township Board Trustee, the replacement for Floyd J. Beyer, former Township Board Trustee, who moved away from the community for business reasons.

Baxter's name was put in nomination for the Zoning Board office by Township Board Trustee Byron Walter. The only other candidate put in nomination was Martin E. Gluckstein of 33407 Chesterbrook Drive in Farmington Township.

Public Hearings Slated Monday

Two public hearings will be held before the City Council at the City Hall on Monday evening, August 19. Both are scheduled for the beginning of the meeting starting at 8 p.m.

The first hearing will be on special assessments proposed to help defray the cost for making road and sidewalk improvements on the north side of Grand River east of Farmington Road, on the east side of Farmington Road a short distance north from Grand River and at the southwest corner of the Grand River - Farmington Road intersection.

A portion of the total cost for the proposed project will be borne by the city-at-large and the entire cost for the installation of new curbing by the state highway department. A special assessment is being made in aid against the benefiting property owners for the balance of the cost.

The second hearing will be on the proposal to re-zone from commercial to parking a 10-foot wide strip of land along the east side of the Van Furniture Store in the downtown Farmington business section.



ADDITIONS NEARING COMPLETION at the Clarencville School District. Construction of the needed classroom additions was delayed considerably when the first attempt to pass a millage proposal met with defeat from School District voters.

Let Contract On School Road Repair Project

A contract for \$17,187 worth of repair work to driveways, walks and parking lot areas at various schools in the Farmington public school system was awarded Monday night by the Board of Education.

The action came following the opening of bids from three different contracting firms with the contract going to the Farmington Paving Company with the lowest combined bid of the three firms vying for the job.

THE CONTRACT was awarded contingent to a review and approval by officials of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on that portion of the work which will also benefit from and stand a portion of the cost on.

Almost \$5,100 will be spent for repair work around the Dunclell Junior High School and another \$5,500 for work on the driveway from the school bus parking lot to the administration building northward to Ten Mile Road.

Over \$2,200 worth of work will be done around the Farmington Senior High. The balance of the work to be done will be at the Gill, Cloverdale, Ten Mile and Middlebelt elementary schools.

ACTION WAS delayed on the awarding of a contract for a good sized drainage and repairs project proposed for the Farmington-Brighton Expressway. The balance of the work to be done will be at the Gill, Cloverdale, Ten Mile and Middlebelt elementary schools.

Construction on six regular classrooms and six special rooms as well as many site improvements is being handled by the Leslie Construction Company.

A representative from the architects office told the Board that if work continues to progress at this pace the job should be completed well ahead of schedule.

It was jokingly suggested that workmen on the new Highmewood School which has to be done by the opening day of school might visit the Eagle site and get some pointers.

In connection with the expansion work at the Eagle School, the administration submitted detailed plans for proposed remodeling of the kitchen area. It was pointed out that work would probably cost somewhat more than originally planned due to the need for major electrical changes.

The Board authorized the administration to go out for bids on the entire job and set the bid opening for September 9. It was initially felt that men on the job had been rapidly added. Superintendent Harrison reported that one unexpected problem which was encountered at the Highmewood site was very amply efficient coming from some of the old farm drains that had been there for years back. Detailed checking revealed that some homeowners from the street had their septic tank outlet lines hooked into these tile causing the trouble, he said.

These tile are now going to be sealed up at the school boundary line.

Two other matters in connection with the opening of the new Highmewood School were also mentioned. One had to do with a recommendation by the administration that a few children be provided special bus transportation because of the difficult conditions which prevail for them and the other an administration request for permission to spend funds to provide a sidewalk from Bartlett Street to the Highmewood site.

The Board approved the requests of the administration in both cases.

Booming Along On Addition to Eagle School

Work on an addition to the Eagle School at 14 Mile and Middlebelt was started Monday night. The balance of the work to be done will be at the Gill, Cloverdale, Ten Mile and Middlebelt elementary schools.

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Dunclell Gym Glass Will Go

The band of ornate glass running around the upper portion of the Dunclell Junior High gymnasium near the roof line will soon be done away with in favor of metal of similar design.

Over a period of time many of the glass sections have been broken by rocks, golf balls, rifle bullets and various other items and school officials have decided against using glass again.

The type of material to use was discussed at the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night but some Board members were not satisfied that corrugated steel sheets would be the best.

Action on the selection of the material to be used was delayed until further study can be made.

Start on 9 Mile Rd. Improvement Project

Work on the improving of the road bed and the ditching of Nine Mile Road between Farmington Road and Gill Road preparatory to paving is now in full swing. City Manager John Duman reported Monday.

He indicated that he expected the entire project would take three or four weeks to complete.

Township Board Studies Ordinance To Control Flood Plain Landfills

The Farmington Township Board read the first draft of a proposed flood plain control ordinance at their regular meeting Monday evening, August 12, and recommended the draft be returned to the Township Attorney for inclusion of added provisions.

Township Supervisor H. A. Iversen, who is currently on two weeks' vacation, it would be the Board meeting of September 9 before further action could be expected on the proposed changes to the flood plain control ordinance.

AS READ IN its entirety at the Monday night Board meeting by Supervisor Hall, the proposed ordinance prompted both praise and criticism from Board members and Township residents who attended the meeting.

If finally approved and passed by the Board, the ordinance would stipulate regulations to be added by in-landfill operations considered by the Board to be within a flood plain area.

Similar to the Township's present Landfill Ordinance which regulates the dumping operations where and when they are approved in other areas of the Township, the newly proposed ordinance would spell out several added features which residents have sought vigorously to have enacted.

Mrs. Mel Stevens of 30355 Grand River Avenue and Mrs. P. A. Iversen of 31016 Freedom Road both have petitioned the Board with neighbors in past months to seek relief from dumping operations which have occurred in their area, south of Grand River just east of Orchard Lake Road. The section is traversed by a branch of the Rouge River, which at that point flows west to east between Grand River and Freedom Road.

IT WAS POINTED out by Supervisor Hall that the proposed ordinance would not prevent landfill operations but only attempt to control such cases to minimize and eliminate any possible nuisances, health problems or dangers threatening the general welfare of the public.

Under the proposed ordinance procedures would be established to investigate sites where requests for landfill permits are sought and secure guarantees that such an operation would be carried out to the full satisfaction of the Board.

The Board would take into consideration the existing zoning regulations in any area of a proposed landfill in addition to weighing the character and financial responsibility of the applicant. Also a main point, under the proposed ordinance, would be whether such a landfill operation was in the best interests of preserving the natural resources of the area in question.

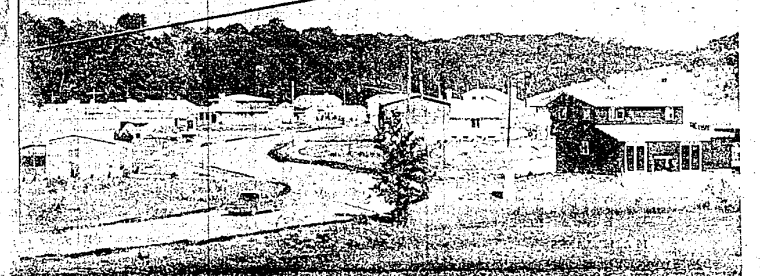
A permit fee of \$150 would be paid by the applicant for a landfill, under the proposed ordinance, and a surety bond, set at a value commensurate with the extent of work to be done, would be obtained by the applicant.

In addition to the \$150 fee, an applicant seeking a landfill permit would have to estimate the number of cubic feet of material to be dumped. A charge of one cent per cubic foot of material dumped would then have to be paid by the applicant upon the approval of his landfill request. The permit would expire upon the applicant's landfill operation reaching the extent of his original estimate of the amount to be dumped.

POINTING out the acceptance of the Board for a landfill operation, the applicant would have to file with the Board a topographic study of the proposed landfill area. Property owners within a 500-foot radius of the proposed dumping site would be notified at least five days before a public hearing on the matter was staged.

It was pointed out to the Board by Supervisor Hall that a topographic study by an accredited firm of engineers would cost a prohibitive amount of money to make small landfill operations practicable from the standpoint of the applicant.

See FLOOD CONTROL Column 4, Page 8A



FARMINGTON ROAD is one of two main north-south roads running continuously through the City and Township of Farmington. It is a good route almost the entire distance now except for the serious bottleneck which exists between Ten Mile Road and the Shawwassee Farmington Road intersection. Between Ten Mile and the point where the road comes out onto Shawwassee, drivers must negotiate a snake-like route through beautiful Twin Valley Subdivision. A portion of this route of sharp curves through the subdivision is shown in the photo above. After getting to Shawwassee from the north, drivers must then travel westward some distance and then make a sharp turn to get onto Farmington Road again to proceed further south.

Cite Progress, Problems at 2 New Schools

A race against time is continuing to be run to get the new Highmewood elementary school between 12 and 13 Mile roads west of Middlebelt finished in time for the opening day of school September 4.

In a progress report to the Board of Education Monday night, Superintendent G. V. Harrison indicated that contractors are now working extra hours and weekends and that jobs were now being completed rapidly. He expressed confidence that unless some unexpected delays result the building should be well enough along by the first of September to permit occupancy without too many complications.

WORK AT the new East Junior High is already well enough along for occupancy although there are still a number of minor jobs to be completed and probably will still be a few to be completed after school opens, he added.

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Approve Plot In Township For 252-Home Subdivision

A new subdivision development for Farmington Township came one step closer to reality on Monday evening, August 12, when the Township Board approved the preliminary plot submitted by Harry Lieberman.

To be known as Kimberley East, the new subdivision will consist of 252 lots within a 120-acre section located east of Middlebelt Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads.

"UNIQUE IN the plans for the new subdivision are built-in areas for recreation and a park site of seven acres. The recreation plans call for a subdivision site which will be suitable for park use and not just land which is unsuitable for home development.

THE PARK AREA slated for Kimberley East is a wooded section which has a stream flowing through it providing an ideal combination. It is also located in what planners feel is a well suited location, in the southeast portion of the subdivision, abutting the north side of Woodbine Subdivision.

Each homeowner in Kimberley East will share in the cost of taxes on the park property to assure that it will always remain open to degree and use by subdivision residents.

IT WAS POINTED out by Supervisor Curt Hall that having subdivisions provide their own park areas is a new idea which has been successfully tried in Wisconsin. Strong supporting points for the new development is the preservation of the park property.

See NEW SUBDIVISION Column 4, Page 8A

Approve Sale Of Water Bonds

Farmington Township Supervisor Curt Hall announced at the regular meeting of the Township Board Monday evening, August 12, that the Township Finance Commission had approved the sale of \$1,055,000 of Farmington Township Water Special Assessment Bonds of 1963.

"These funds will be used to construct water mains in Water Special Assessment Districts Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 11 in Farmington Township," Hall said.

THE BONDS ARE payable from 15 annual installments with the full faith and credit of the Township pledged to meet principal and interest should the installments be slow in coming in.

Supervisor Hall set a tentative date of September 16 for the sale of the bonds with construction bids scheduled to be awarded August 19 and August 22 in two special meetings to be held by the Township Board. The notice of the sale of these bonds will be published in the Enterprise.

Dined in 1890 at Shoe Shop Bldg.

A long-time Farmington resident, Arthur Lamb of Oakland Avenue, said this week he believed the old shoe shop building torn down at Farmington Road and Grand River last week is closer to 80 years old than the 60 years recorded at the City Assessor's office.

Mr. Lamb remembers going to the Township Spring Election with his father when he was just ten years old and having a fine dinner in the very same building. That was in 1890.

Mr. Lamb, who will be 83 years old on November 1, says the conditions which prevail for them and the other an administration request for permission to spend funds to provide a sidewalk from Bartlett Street to the Highmewood site.

The Board approved the requests of the administration in both cases.

Court Trial on Apt. Re-Zoning Set for Sept. 13

Friday, September 13, has been set as the tentative date for a trial on the court case started by four homeowners over a rezoning attempt to block the proposed construction of a 113-unit apartment building development east of the American Legion Hall on Grand River Ave.

Rezoning of the 3 1/2 acre parcel from industrial, residential and parking to residential to commercial to permit the development was recently approved by the City Council over protests from the four homeowners whose houses are directly in the rear of the Legion Hall.

The city was named as defendants in the suit by the plaintiffs but, at the initial court hearing in 1st week, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge John Beer proposed the addition of Thomas Duke as a co-defendant. Duke is the owner of the parcel who proposes the construction of the apartment units there.

Judge Beer moved against granting an injunction to stop any go ahead on the project in favor of an early court date to hear both sides present their cases and make a decision.

Duke could get started on the project right now but it is unlikely that he will until after the court case is held and a decision handed down.

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