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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 a.m. until 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Senior high students, grades 10, 11, 12, living south of 11 Mile Road will register at Farmington Senior High, 32000 Shawassee. Students in grades 10, 11, 12, living north of 11 Mile Road will register at North Farmington High School, 32000 Thirteen Mile Road.

The boundary line between Farmington Junior High and Dunckel Junior High is 11 Mile Road from Haggerty Road to Orchard Lake Road. Students living north of this line will attend Dunckel Junior High, 32000 Grand River. Juniors and students living south of this line will attend Farmington Junior High, 33000 Thomas Street.

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, 25000 Middlebelt Road. Students living north of 13 Mile Road and east of Orchard Lake Road will attend Dunckel Juniors High.

Students living within walking distance (1½ miles) of Dunckel Junior High will be required to attend Dunckel even though they are within the East Junior High area.

## Start Plans for School Election

Plans are now being made by school officials with regard to special material that will be prepared and all presentations made concerning the bond issue and school operating millage proposals that will be put to a vote of Farmington School District voters in November.

It has already been determined that both a bond issue for new school construction and a millage proposal for operating needs will be necessary. The exact amounts to be asked have not yet been established.

At its regular meeting Monday night, the Board decided to meet in special session on Tuesday night, August 27, to discuss the matter in more detail and to try to establish exactly what should be asked of the voters.

In these elections, it has already been established that special presentations and question and answer sessions should be conducted at all of the schools in the district just prior to election time. Contacts will be made with the various PTA presidents shortly and dates for the programs at the various schools during October and the first week in November.

## Public Hearings Slated Monday

Two public hearings will be held before the City Council at its regular meeting the coming 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 marking road and sidewalk curbs along 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 this 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 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 19-foot wide strip of land along the east side of the Van Furniture Store in the downtown Farmington business section.

High boundary lines. All 7th grade students will attend their respective junior high schools on Wednesday, September 4, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for an orientation program. School buses will pick up students on regular routes at 8:30 a.m. Students will report to the gymnasium upon arrival at their buildings.

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## 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 were injured persons when their car was involved in a collision with a tree off Inkster Road near Forrestbrook Drive in the Township. Richard Guenther, 47, of 2870 Greenfield, Berkley, Michigan.

His car shot out of control and neared oil tanks in the ditch on Sunday 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.

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

SERIOUSLY injured in the Grand River-Nine Mile crash was Ann S. Christensen, 35, of 1480 Park Street in Livonia. She was taken to St. Mary's Hospital along with four less seriously injured passengers in the vehicle.

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## Dunckel Gym Glass Will Go

The band of ornate glass running around the upper portion of the Dunckel Junior High gymnasium will be removed and discarded.

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 to get rid of the glass.

The type of material to be used was discussed at the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night but some Board members were not satisfied that the suggested steel sheets would be 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 Gull Road began in the spring, City Manager John Dieter reported Monday.

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

Start on 9 Mile Rd.



ROBERT C. BAXTER

## Twp. Zoning Bd. Appointment

The Farmington Township Board appointed Robert C. Baxter of 2328 Thorne Branch Drive 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 slated to take effect immediately.

OLFELT RESIGNED from the Zoning Board to assume new duties as Township trustee, a replacement for Floyd Jaye, 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 Byrd Walker, the only other candidate in nomination was Martin E. Gluckstein of 32007 Chesterbrook Drive in Farmington Township.

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ADDITIONS NEARING COMPLETION at the Belford School in the Clarenceville School District. Construction of the addition was started 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, walls 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 contractors competing for 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. The portion of the work which the contractor will also benefit from the cost of the repair project.

Almost \$100,000 will be spent for repair work around the Dunckel Junior High School and another \$8,000 for work on the school bus parking lot north of the administration building northward to Ten Mile Road.

Over \$2,000 worth of work will be done around the Farmington Senior High. The balance of the work will be done at the Gull, Oldbridge, Ten Mile and Middlebelt elementary schools.

ACTION WAS delayed on the awarding of a contract for a good sized drainage and repair project proposed for the administration and service buildings now coming up from Shiawassee Road.

The Farmington Paving Company was the only contractor bidding for this job and their bid ran just under \$8,000. The Board agreed to re-advertise the job allowing more time for completion in hopes of getting more competitive bidding for the work.

## Booming Along On Addition to Eagle School

Work on an addition to the Eagle School at 14 Mile and Middlebelt which was started only a little over a month ago is now booming along at such a rapid clip that even an architect and building contractor keep track of progress, a report to the Farmington Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night disclosed.

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

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

It was originally suggested that work would be on the new Highmeadow 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. 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 the work would probably be a few weeks off from 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 items to be completed and probably will be a few weeks off from the first of September to permit occupancy without too many complications.

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

## 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 on Monday evening, August 12, and recommended the draft be returned to the Township Attorney for the inclusion of added provisions.

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Hall said to the Board meeting on Monday night that the proposed ordinance would spell out several added features which residents have sought vigorously to have enacted.

Similar to the Township's present Landfill Ordinance which regulates the areas where

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