

Incorporation Issue Spurs Letters

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The present incorporation proposal clearly has even less merit than the similar proposal which the voters so convincingly rejected a year ago. The 1966 proposal at least had the merit of including the entire township in the new city, whereas the present proposal would, by the worst possible form of gerrymandering, create a city with the most distorted shape imaginable, which would exclude one village it would completely surround and another village and a city most of both of which it would almost entirely surround and an isolated portion of the township.

THE REASON the proponents

of incorporation have given for eliminating these two villages is that the strong objection to incorporation expressed by many of the residents of these villages has led to the decision to incorporate the township as a city. What has happened since that time to suggest that the voters should now change their minds?

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Thanks For GOP Story

Thanks again for your Aug. 20 story "Conservatism a Go-Go". We're trying to be creative, responsible and proper in our performance.

DAVE BRADBURY,
Public Relations Chairman
19th District Republican
Educative Committee
(Pawell group)

valid argument against "fragmentation" municipalities by forming new ones within them are too small to furnish efficient municipal services to the residents of these villages. We already have two substantial municipal governments involved here, city and township. Rather than avoiding the likelihood of "fragmentation" our community, it is obvious that the proposed incorporation would at the very outset operate in itself to fragment our municipal government situation. The two villages are now part of the Township, but they would not be a part of the proposed new city—so that after the formation of the new city we would end up with three basic governmental units—Farmington City, the new city, and the Old Township (consisting of the two villages and that portion of Section One not included in the proposal) instead of the two basic units which now exist.

CITIES ARE generally form-

DAVID N. MILLS

Pickup Regulations

Because of the many questions about the rubbish collection regulations in the City of Farmington, The Enterprise & Observer prints the following regulations. It might be a handy item for the homeowners to clip and save.

City of Farmington
Weekly Garbage/Rubbish Collection
Items to be placed in metal or plastic containers:
Food Wastes, Food Containers, Papers, Rags, Cans, Bottles, Glasses, Crockery, Leather, Rubber, Ashes.
Items to be placed in metal or plastic containers, or bushel baskets:
Grass Clippings.
Other items:
Newspapers - Bound, Cardboard Boxes - Broken down and bound.
Limits: 6 - 20 gallon containers (or equivalent) per pickup. Container capacity - 5 to 30 gallons. Maximum weight - 60 lbs. each. Containers must have handles.
Contractors will start at 7:30 a.m. Materials not out at time of collection will not be picked up.

BRUSH PICKUP
Second and Last Mondays of Month
Items to be taken:
Branches, Twigs, Brush Clippings, Weeds with Roots, Maple Buds, Edgings & Sod.
All materials except branches over 3 feet long are to be in metal or plastic containers, or bushel baskets.
"Last Monday of Month" Pickup/Regulations
Items to be taken:
Furniture, Small Household Appliances, Boards over 3 feet long, Brush Pickup Items (above), Hoses, Bicycles.
Limits: Must be light enough to be handled by hand.
Reasonable Quantities
Construction wastes will not be picked up.
Large household appliances such as: Refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, hot water heaters, water softeners, will not be picked up.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SEWER IMPROVEMENT IN GRAND RIVER CREST & GRAND RIVER CREST # 2 TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Special Assessment Roll No. 48 in the amount of \$338,000.00 for the construction of sewer in said Township to be located as follows:

Street	From	To
Inkster	Eight Mile Rd.	Shiawassee
Rensselaer	Eight Mile Rd.	Shiawassee
Onaga	Eight Mile Rd.	Shiawassee
St. Francis	Eight Mile Rd.	Shiawassee
St. Francis	lot 522 of Grand River Crest Sub. #2	Shiawassee
Colwell	Eight Mile Rd.	Shiawassee
Colwell	lot 649 of Grand River Crest Sub. #2	Shiawassee
Colwell	lot 653 of Grand River Crest Sub. #2	Shiawassee
Grand River Ave.	Grand River Ave.	Eight Mile Rd.
Eight Mile Rd.	lot 7 of Assessor's Grand River Crest Sub.	Inkster
Independence	Colwell	Inkster
Burton	Colwell	Inkster
Emmett	Colwell	Inkster
Sedalia	Colwell	Inkster
Shiawassee	Inkster	Colwell

has been filed in the office of the Township Clerk for Public examination.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Township Board will meet in the William Grace School, 20404 Shiawassee, Farmington, Michigan, on the 10th day of October at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, to review said special assessment roll and to hear any objections thereto.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.
Floyd A. Coims
Farmington Township Clerk
(9-27-67; 10-4-67)

Charges False

EDITOR:

We have been dismayed by statements attributed to an opponent of incorporation of the Township in your September 10 issue. Philip Daniels is quoted as saying that "incorporation would mean loss of the right to referendum, the right to vote on tax increases and the right to voter review decisions of the zoning board."

The statements are absolutely false. There is nothing in the Michigan statutes that would prohibit inclusion of any of these rights in a home rule city charter. Indeed, most charters which have reviewed do not contain such provisions, and we on the Citizens Council for Community Development would not endorse any proposed charter which did not contain such provisions.

During the last incorporation attempt we were faced with a barrage of mis-statements of facts and half truths, and by the opponents of incorporation. It appears that they are following this same procedure this time. In all fairness to the citizens of the Township, we believe that mis-information such as quoted above should be discontinued.

KENNETH F. PERREN

Canterbury Schedules Hayride

Canterbury Commons Subdivision will hold a hayride at Upland Hills Farm Nov. 11. In addition to the hayride there will be square dancing, ballroom dancing, a buffet snack and other clubhouse activities. Tickets at \$6.50 a couple may be purchased from the chairman, McCrum, 626-9332; Sharna DuFresne, 626-9367; or Lorraine Alkon, 626-8310. The number of tickets is limited so early purchase is suggested. The subdivision's activities committee held its monthly meeting Sept. 21. Min Fishman was installed as treasurer, replacing Ernie Thomas. Ann Oakley, chairman of a December branch, gave a report on progress of the event. Other events discussed were a Halloween party, a second get-acquainted party and a student activities committee.

Mary Smith is chairman of the get-acquainted party, assisted by Jackie Dahlberg, Mildred Bradford and Joan Mackay.

Receives Post

Army Private Roy Kenneth Williams, Jr., is assigned to Company A, 8th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, at the United States Army Training Center, Fort Benning, Ga. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kenneth Williams, of 22935 Hayden, Farmington.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WATER IMPROVEMENT IN DUKE'S FORESTBROOK HILLS TOWNSHIP OF FARMINGTON OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Special Assessment Roll No. 47 in the amount of \$86,500.00 for the construction of water mains in said Township to be located as follows:

Street	From	To
Inkster	City terminus of lot 1 of Duke's Forestbrook Estates	Forestbrook
Herndonwood	Nty terminus of Duke's Forestbrook Estates	Forestbrook
Forestbrook Ct.	Forestbrook	Forestbrook
Grand Duke	Forestbrook	Forestbrook
Forestbrook	Inkster	Forestbrook

has been filed in the office of the Township Clerk for Public examination.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Township Board will meet in the Township Hall, 31555 Silver Mile Road, Farmington, Michigan, on the 9th day of October at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, to review said special assessment roll and to hear any objections thereto.

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Supports Yes Vote

EDITOR:

As a citizen and taxpayer of Farmington Township, I am greatly concerned with its future as I'm sure most residents are.

These ears have personally heard it said, by those opposing incorporation into a home rule city, that the recent annexation of 497 acres by the City of Farmington did not hurt them personally.

What a ridiculous statement. When tax dollars are lost it affects every taxpayer personally, right where it hurts the most, in our pocketbook.

The Township lost \$1,302,681 in equalized land valuation, not considering the undeveloped land potential.

Also lost was a portion of the Township sewer arm which was awarded for by the Township, through a bond issue, which it planned to retire by "tap in" fees paid by the users.

A further slap in the face for the Township was the lowering of taxes in Farmington City after its income was subsidized by new tax dollars from the annexed area.

Where will the lost revenue come from? More taxes would be the obvious answer. Let's face facts, our taxes aren't low by any stretch of the imagination.

In order to keep them at their present level is to vote YES for incorporation, and protect our boundaries until an acceptable charter can be voted on.

We cannot afford to lose our land, and we will if the incorporation vote fails.

Southfield, Livonia and Farmington city are suffering from growing pains and are ready and waiting to rape our territory.

Many believe that a township form of government is the ultimate, but due to certain ramifications of the revised Michigan constitution this no longer holds true.

There are changing times and we must change our thinking for the betterment of the community.

William E. Kallich

Legal Notice

Albert P. Herre, Attorney
2120 Farmington Road
Farmington, Michigan 48324

STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

Estate of Howard W. Pagel, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on December 11, 1967, at 9 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held for the admission to probate of the will of said estate and for the appointment of said estate's executor.

And it is further ordered that the executor of said estate shall be authorized to execute and deliver under oath, with this Court, and serve a copy of the will of said estate on the heirs and devisees of said estate, to-wit: DONALD E. ADAMS, Judge of Probate, 10-4-11, 1967.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Estate of E. DEANE ELSA, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on October 17, 1967, at 9 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom Pontiac, Michigan a hearing be held for the admission to probate of the will of said estate and for the appointment of said estate's executor.

And it is further ordered that the executor of said estate shall be authorized to execute and deliver under oath, with this Court, and serve a copy of the will of said estate on the heirs and devisees of said estate, to-wit: DONALD E. ADAMS, Judge of Probate, 10-4-11, 1967.

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