

YMCA Needs Swim Pools

FARMINGTON Miss Carolyn Bridges, Farmington YMCA swim instructor, is looking for heated underground pools to be used by the "Y" this summer.

Farmington YMCA will again sponsor backyard pool swimming lessons. Under this program, pool owners

volunteer the use of their pool to the "Y" for several hours a day for two weeks.

Beginner through lifesaving classes, for adults as well as children, will be taught. The pool owners' children will be given free lessons. Each of the four sessions consists of 10 lessons, Monday - Friday, over a two-week period. Eight lessons will be guaranteed.

The dates for the sessions are June 26 - July 7, July 10 - 21, July 24 - Aug. 4, and Aug. 7 - 18.

Miss Bridges, a Farmington resident and a 20-year-old political science major at Oakland University, has had previous experience teaching youngsters while attending Oakland. Her qualifications include senior lifesaving and water safety instructor under

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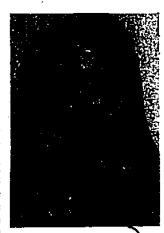
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CAROLYN BRIDGES

the Red Cross. Miss Bridges is now attending a training workshop to obtain the YMCA specialist instructor certification.

The Y is expecting an enrollment over 200 for their swimming lessons. The cost is \$8 per two-week session plus a Y membership. An annual YMCA membership is \$10 per youth, \$15 per adults and \$25 per family.

Although it is too early to enroll for lessons, Miss Bridges encourages those persons who would like to volunteer their pool to contact the YMCA office.

FARMINGTON Kenneth J. Guion, 35, of 25721 Kilreigh Ct., Farmington Township, has announced his candidacy for trustee of the seven-member Farmington Board of Education. Election for the two vacant posts will be held June 12.

Guion is an associate of the Detroit architectural and engineering firm of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates and heads its data processing department.

AS A FORMER University of Toledo instructor and as an active member of several national professional groups, he has lectured widely on computer utilization at universities and technical conferences. He currently holds positions on the boards of directors of two of these professional groups.

The father of four young children, he is the past vice president and current president of the Middlebelt Elementary School PTA and

has rarely missed Farmington Board of Education meetings.

He is also one of the organizers and sponsors of a teenage Christian youth group called the "Sonlighters," whose membership has grown to over 150 since September.

"The Sonlighters' aim," Guion says, "is to capture the attention of the disinterested teenager long enough for an intelligent look at the Christian faith."

He and his family attend the Nardin Park United Methodist Church where he serves on the Board of Administration.

GUION SAYS: "I am strongly opposed to cross-district busing strictly as a means of achieving racial quotas in schools."

"Such a program would only destroy the community school concept and provide questionable benefits for those seeking equal educational opportunities."

Guion was an active sup-

porter of the recent millage proposals but says that he would not support another millage election this year. "Until the current busing and property tax issues are more clearly resolved in our community, the taxpayers should not be asked to support another election."

He feels some level of property tax support for the schools should be maintained in order to retain local control.

The candidate supports a "family freedom of choice" concept of sex education and

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KENNETH GUION

Cluster Changes Are Considered

A public hearing will be held June 5 on a proposed amendment to the City of Farmington's cluster housing zoning ordinance.

The hearing will begin at 8 p.m. in council chambers on the change recommended by a 6-1 vote of the planning commission.

The basic changes are to reduce the density and number of units per building allowed and increase the space required between clusters.

The council also decided to meet with the Farmington Library District trustees to discuss expansion of the city library.

accepted the resignation of Bruce Habermehl from the planning commission, authorized bids for the water meter replacement program, and approved a liquor license transfer for the Old Village Inn, formerly known as the Gay Way.

THE CLUSTER amendment was introduced Monday night at the regular council meeting with public hearing being set for June 5.

The ordinance, a zoning provision consistently opposed by many homeowners, provides for single-family homes to be attached and arranged in clusters to avoid the appearance of "row" townhouses.

One suggested change is to allow only six single family units to be attached to one building. The ordinance now allows eight units per building. The density remains at 10 bedrooms per acre.

The present ordinance requires a 40-foot minimum distance between clusters, but commissioners felt this provision would allow buildings to be located too close to each other, thereby reducing the open space concept.

The present setback provision requires that a total of 150 feet of open space surround each cluster or theoretically 40 feet in each direction. The change requires that each cluster be surrounded by a total of 200 feet of open space, an increase of 40 feet.

The cluster ordinance now allows five dwelling units per acre and the amendment suggests a lower density of 3.5 units per acre.

The intent of the ordinance has also been altered in the amendment. Presently, cluster developments can be used as a buffer between single-family detached homes and other zoning or major thoroughfares.

The amendment adds the words "may be used to provide a buffer" to allow clusters to be developed for other than the sole reason as to act as a buffer.

Robert Tilley of Drake Rd., speaking from the audience, asked that the density be lowered to 3.1 units per acre and asked the council to investigate the actual acreage involved in the proposed cluster development being requested by Standard Construction for the west side of Drake Rd., north of Freedom Rd.

Tilley claims the site is actually just under 20 acres instead of 22.5 acres as claimed by the proponents. He argued that the Standard Construction Co.'s land, had it not been annexed by the city, would have had a density of 3.1 units per acre under the township's present zoning ordinance.

Mayor Wilbur Brotherton asked Tilley to furnish the council with information he has collected and added the proposed amendments are available for inspection in city hall for any residents who wish to do so.

HABERMEHL resigned from the planning commission effective Monday, explaining cluster developments can be his business and family commitments no longer allow him to devote the time he feels necessary to the commission.

Habermehl, owner of the Center Tire Co. in downtown Farmington, served on the commission for two and a half years. His resignation was accepted with regret and a letter of commendation will be sent him.

The library board had asked the council for a meeting to discuss expansion of the library facilities in the city. The board had planned to expand library services once the new library is completed on 12 Mile and is now prepared to begin taking first steps towards phase two.

Library trustees are planning a library with 10,000 square feet of floor space and additional parking spaces. This will require a new location and the board wants to negotiate with councilmen about two parcels owned by the city.

THE COUNCIL voted to take bids on the water meter replacement program which will begin this June.

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