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'Farmington Hills' Charter Is Being Put Down On Paper

Paper Late Next Week

In observance of July 4, the Observer Newspaper Inc. offices will be closed Tuesday but business will be conducted as usual on Monday, July 3.

The deadlines for advertising and editorial departments will follow the usual pattern. News items will be accepted until 6 p.m. Monday, display advertising Monday until 5 p.m. and classified advertising until 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The Observers will be published and distributed Thursday. All readers are requested to note the delay of one day in circulation deliveries. . . all due to the Tuesday holiday.

'Farmington Hills' still exists only in the minds of nine men working on a charter for the new city, but they are moving rapidly towards getting it all down on paper.

After just five meetings, many major political questions have been resolved, like settling for a seven-member, non-partisan council, a weak mayor and establishing qualifications for office.

Still unresolved is "the whole matter of finances," according to Fred Fairfield, chairman of the public relations committee.

"It's like putting blocks together," Fairfield said, describing the process of writing the charter.

Some might not fit in relation to one another, then you have to go back and change them again."

THE COMMISSIONERS are drafting sections of the charter, taking a vote on them, sending the draft to a lawyer to write, voting again on the language, then finally voting to approve the whole package.

So far they have reached a consensus on several major points: The proposed city government should be non-partisan, with a "weak mayor," a seven-member council paid \$1,200 annually.

The council-manager form of government was favored.

The council terms should be four years, with four candidates running for two-year terms for the first election, to stagger the terms. Requirements for office are 18 years of age, a resident and a registered voter.

The residency requirement is one year before the election date.

Most of the proposals were passed by a sizable majority, although some opposition materialized on several issues.

The "weak mayor" proposal was opposed by Township Supervisor Earl Teeples, who supported a "strong mayor" mayor-council form of government.

A proposal to lower the residency requirement to six

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months instead of a year was defeated 6-3, then passed 7-2, with Teeples and Richard Frankel in favor of the shorter time.

Robert McConnell supported the six-month requirement, then voted for the longer term after it was defeated.

Biggest division was over allowing 18-year-olds to run for office—which passed 6-3,

with Robert Clarke, Ben Marks and Mrs. Joan Dudley dissenting.

Mrs. Dudley also opposed the council salary provision.

THE CHARTER commission is now going to get to work on the financial issues, including the millage limitation and the bonding provisions for the new city, according to Fairfield.

These issues are "technical" and are expected to take longer than the mainly political issues already resolved.

Two members of the commission—Teeples and McConnell will face each other in possibly the last contest for supervisor of Farmington Township—presuming the charter is approved by the public.

Unusual Job

A Farmington school social worker took an unusual "vacation" to work with delinquent boys in Germany for the summer. We talked to him before he left, and the story is on:

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We Get Letters

A strong opinion on an upcoming rezoning in Farmington and an opinion on a recent Enterprise and Observer editorial are in today's "Reader's Forum."

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Still Going

Two women's clubs are in the news this week. One is 75 years old and still going. The other is five years old and still growing.

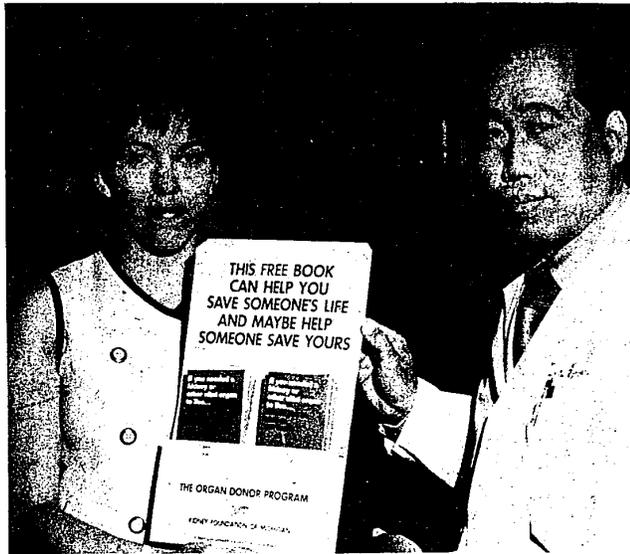
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KIDNEY DONOR program posters will be showing up in Farmington area doctors offices soon. Carole Keller of the Farmington Jaycee

Auxiliary, shows one of the posters to Dr. Jose L. Perez, who will display the poster and materials in his office. (Evert photo)

Kidney Donor Program Begins

Members of the Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary are distributing Michigan Kidney Foundation posters throughout the community.

The posters hold pamphlets which explain the Organ Donor program sponsored by the Kidney Foundation and also include a uniform donor card.

The uniform donor card, considered a "pocket will" when countersigned by two witnesses and legally recognized in all 50 states, allows a person to authorize transplanting of organs such as eyes, kidneys, tissues, etc.

The Auxiliary Kidney donor committee, co-chaired by Mrs. Carole Keller and Mrs. Nancy Dittmar, has contacted businesses, organizations and offices in Farmington to determine locations for the posters.

Those who have not yet replied are urged to do so. Others interested, including individuals, may write F.A.J.C.A. Kidney Donor Committee, Box 33, Farmington 48024, for more information about the program or to obtain copies of the pamphlet with the Uniform Donor Card.

Farmington area residents can obtain the pamphlets at such locations as doctors' offices, banks, churches and business and industrial firms, as well as through other community organizations.

Arrests Made In Clark Theft

Two men have been arrested for an alleged armed robbery in Farmington which took place only five days following a previous arrest for

armed robbery in Redford Township.

Frank V. Macreano, 25, of 7621 Pelham Road in Allen Park, and Gary Haggerty, 21, of 8650 Norborne in Dearborn Heights, will appear in 4th District Court this Friday for their examination on charges of armed robbery of the Clark gasoline station at Nine Mile and Farmington Roads.

THE PAIR is being held in lieu of bond at Oakland County Jail. Bail has been set at \$10,000 for Macreano and at \$7,500 for Haggerty.

Both Macreano and Haggerty were identified from photographs in the police mug shot file as participants in the second holdup of the Clark station on June 21.

Both were also arraigned for armed robbery at the outcounty prosecutor's office by Judge Francis Burger on June 17. Bond was set at \$2,000 each. They waived examination, scheduled for June 20 in Redford Township District Court, and were bound over to Circuit Court for trial.

The Clark station was robbed twice last week on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 20, 21. In each instance two men are alleged to have participated in the holdup.

TUESDAY NIGHT an attendant was robbed of \$45, and Wednesday night another attendant was held at knife-point while the station was robbed of \$75. Farmington City Police said there are no suspects in the first robbery; however, they are working on several possible leads.

Police Announce Promotions

The Farmington Police Dept. will have some new faces in key posts following a series of promotions and revised assignments.

Norman Rose, 27, has been appointed juvenile officer effective June 20. He started in the department in 1964 as a cadet, became a patrolman in 1965, and has earned several citations.

Rose helped form and was very active in the City of Farmington Youth League. He lives with his wife, Fat, and his daughter in Livonia.

Murray Switzer, 28, was promoted to sergeant, and will command the investigations division.

He started in the department in May, 1966, and was

promoted to detective in March, 1969.

He began his new job May 15. He is a 1964 graduate of North Farmington High School. He was formerly a juvenile officer with the detective department and received several citations.

Anthony Gubacz, 26, was promoted to sergeant and will be shift commander in the

patrol division. He lives in Farmington Township. He began his career with the department as a cadet in 1964, became a patrolman in 1966, and began his new job May 15.

John Santomauro, 23, will be promoted to sergeant.

He started in the department in 1969 as a patrolman, following a tour of duty with the Marines.

He lives in Farmington. Norman Madison, 25, will rejoin the force as a patrolman after a four month absence. He had served six years with the department, plus two years as a cadet.

Hilton Hyde, 24, was also hired as a patrolman. Hyde graduated from the police academy June 16. He lives in Redford.



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