

# Hills council balks at youth board, asks for advice on funding legality

By DAN McCOSH

FARMINGTON — "If this is the child I fostered, I disavow it," Farmington Hills City Councilman Frederick Lichtman said of the combined "youth services" committee now being formed to review four social service programs being funded by four area governmental agencies.

Lichtman was reacting to a proposal to send representatives from Farmington Hills to a proposed 21-member board.

Lichtman has been pushing for a consolidation of the services for several years, but

he made the remark after Mayor Robert McConnell called him the "father" of the idea.

His reaction was prompted by a budget request accompanying the consolidation proposal which was up approximately 50 per cent over last year.

Lichtman said he wanted to consolidate to avoid duplication and streamline the services.

He followed his criticism with a motion to refuse to send any representative to the 21-member board, and to refuse to fund any of the budgets requested.

The council tabled action

on the request for delegates by a 4-3 vote, with William Ortmann and Mrs. Joan Dudley siding with Lichtman.

The council requested an opinion on the legality of contributing to organizations which were not administered by the city.

Attorney Joseph Brennan has ruled on several occasions recently the city cannot make such donations.

The council has turned down a \$66 request from the Farmington Community Arts Council and \$1,500 for the city's sesquicentennial celebration. It has threatened legal action against the former Wood Creek council for gifts

to the school board and Sarah Fisher home, all based on the same ruling.

Lichtman was also critical of the programs themselves, with the exception of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

The proposed board would

have two representatives apiece — from Farmington, the Hills, Oakland County and Farmington school board.

In addition, the service clubs, the Jaycees, the ministry and seats at large would be represented.

The 21-member board would be instructed to set up a permanent combined administration by June, along with budget review.

Farmington and the school board have approved representatives, but were also highly critical of the proposed budget increases.

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MARIBELL CHALMERS looks over the "mystery" display card with a display of historic photos in the background. (Evert photo)

## Mystery art is downtown

FARMINGTON — Who is that man?

Identifying three photographs of past Farmington Festival activities is a challenge added to a display of historic photographs of the city's 150th birthday celebration.

The photos are hanging in 10 places of business. Persons with an idea about the identity of the pictures can fill out an entry blank on the spot. Winners will be picked at three consecutive sesquicentennial events.

Along with the "mystery" is a display of photographs, collected by Ralph and Fran Evert, picturing scenes of old Farmington.

The Everts have preserved and reproduced negatives of numerous old photographs of the community, many of which appear in Lee Peel's book "History of Farmington."

The winners will be picked March 8 at the kickoff breakfast, May 18 on "community pride day", and July 25 at the Founders Festival.

Participating businesses include: Bolstead Inn, Farmington District Library, First

Federal Savings and Loan, Standard Federal Savings and Loan, Manufacturers National Bank, City National Bank, Detroit Bank and Trust, Holiday Inn, and First Farmington Savings and Loan.

### Garbage collection

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each single family home in the city on a regular schedule.

The pickup would also include large items including furniture and large appliances. Newspapers would be bundled and delivered to a resale company.

The city would provide truck storage areas, and a site for a transfer station if necessary.

The report suggests three alternative methods of financing: millage increase,

adding to the current budget, or billing with the tax bills.

A millage increase is called "a last resort" in the report, indicating the "mood of the electorate is such an increase would be resisted."

One mill would generate \$20 per home on a \$20,000 assessment. The report indicates only homes assessed at \$100,000 or more might pay more with a direct millage.

A service charge of \$1.55 per month would also pay for the service, but the report notes that such a charge would not be tax deductible as would a direct property tax.

The third alternative, adding it to next year's budget, would have to be examined after other department requests are received.

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### 3 are on dean's list

FARMINGTON — Three Farmington students at Adrian College were named to the dean's list for the fall term.

They are Patricia Anderson of 24624 Adams Ct., a sophomore majoring in elementary education; Robert Engerer of 23056 Springbrook, a senior chemistry major, and Richard Kibbey of 21043 Birchwood, a junior speech and political science major.

To qualify a student must earn at least a 3.25 grade point average based on a four point scale.

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