

WOODLAND PARK
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Dear Neighbor:

Sure! You are interested in maintaining the restrictions in the Woodland Park Area. Over one hundred of us have joined our Association and have decided to hold a Special Meeting of all members, Monday, August 13, 1945, at the Roosevelt School, at 8:00 P.M., to elect directors and officers to serve the community interest.

And by the way, what would you suggest for neighborhood fun, if any?

Bring along your ideas and your neighbor. It is only \$1.00 per year for the whole family to join.

Orrin T. Sellar, Secretary
Irving T. Gratch, Chairman
Membership Committee

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, it was agreed that a newsletter should be published to acquaint the membership with a brief history of their Association and what it has accomplished since its inception.

On Friday, June 15, 1945, a group of friendly neighbors met at the home of Orin T. Seller and, with the assistance of Albert E. Jamieson, organized what is now the Woodland Park Improvement Association. At this meeting, officers were elected and John D. Harrison became the first President.

On July 9, 1945, a meeting was held at which Block Directors were appointed, an attorney was engaged and a committee appointed to draw up a constitution. At this meeting, a resolution was adopted requesting that the Association restrain the Wetmore Service from using residential or public property for parking wrecks and disposing of rubbish. Also, that we protest against the use of the City streets for testing cars and busses, and that proper parking space be provided for employees. A permanent injunction was granted by the Court, restricting the use of the lot in question to residential purposes.

In August, a general meeting, to which the entire membership was invited, was held at Roosevelt School. Mr. Arthur E. Kuhn of Pleasant Ridge, presented interesting facts and figures regarding the proposed airport and President Harrison spoke in opposition to its being located in the Northwest section. The Association voted to go on record as being opposed to its erection.

The September meeting was addressed by Mr. John E. Green, President of the Huntington Woods Association, who spoke against the airport. The Board later voted moral and financial support to the Wayne-Oakland Civic Associations in the fight against the airport. The future airport will be located officially at the Willow Run or Wayne location, as the Northwest location has been declared by experts to be unsatisfactory.

A general membership meeting was held at Roosevelt School on March 11, 1946, and President Harrison and other officers were re-elected.

The general membership meeting is held once a year for the purpose of electing officers. The Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of each month to transact any business at hand.

During the past two years, your Association has been active in your behalf and has accomplished the following:

1. Prevented the sale of a rooming and boarding house as such. The property was later sold as a residence.
2. Stopped manufacturing in a private garage connected with a home.
3. Prevented the use of a private garage as a repair shop.
4. Protested the use of the Woodward Avenue Parkway for public parking after the removal of the street car tracks.
5. Requested better lighting for residential districts and have been assured of more lights with higher voltage to be placed where needed most.
6. Successfully protested the use of the vacant land on the North side of West Oakridge as a park with tables and benches. This plot has since been cleaned of all underbrush and mowed. Additional shrubbery will be added at a future date and the natural beauty preserved.

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION - 2

7. Approved and recommended the installation of parking meters to help meet the increased cost of government.
8. Protested against metal bumping and repair work after hours and Sunday's at the garage at Oakridge, West, and Woodward. Hours now limited to 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on weekdays, only.
9. Protested driving cars in and out of lot at Woodward and Drayton, over the sidewalk. Barricades have been placed and cars must use the alley.
10. Your Association is now a member of the Ferndale Civic Committee, a group composed of other subdivisions. This strengthens our position in civic affairs.

The annual dues of one dollar per year are now payable and the Director in your block will gladly accept payment.

Any violation of the restrictions in your neighborhood should be reported to your Director. He will see that it reaches the proper authorities.

Your present officers are as follows:

	President:	T. A. Fitzsimmons
First Vice	President:	Geoffrey K. Vickers
Second Vice	President:	Chas. M. Carson
	Secretary:	Leonard Keller
	Treasurer:	Harold McMenemy

The above-listed protests were made from a standpoint of civic pride to protect the investment we have in our homes and without personal rancor. We are grateful for your support in helping to make Ferndale a better place to live.

Your Board of Directors,

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

This is it!

THE BIGGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT
"TOWN MEETING OF THE YEAR"

THE WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION'S
ANNUAL MEETING

HEAR:

CARL W. FORSYTHE

Attorney, Former Mayor and
Leading Civic Authority

TALK ON:

Your importance and responsibility
to Your community.

SEE! TRAVEL SOUND FILM "OF THIS I AM PROUD"

VOTE: W. P. I. A. ELECTION

REFRESHMENTS

PLACE: RIDGEDALE PLAYHOUSE - 10 MILE AT REPUBLIC - OAK PARK

TIME: MONDAY, MARCH 13, 8:00 P. M.

This card invites you Mr. and Mrs. Woodland Park Home Owner

3-13-50

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. + Mrs. G. Lamphere
527 W. Drayton
Ferndale 20, Mich.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

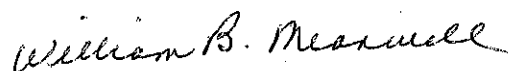
If and when the opportunity arises in your organization that you may wish to avail yourselves of a guest speaker, I am happy to announce that the Honorable Judge James Renfrew of Huntington Woods is presently available to speak before your group free of charge.

Judge Renfrew has become a well informed speaker on the subject of The Judiciary and Its Problems in the State of Michigan, through a great deal of knowledge and experience gained in this field.

At the present time he is a Judge in the City of Huntington Woods and in addition to numerous other activities and accomplishments he is also the author of "A Criminal Law Handbook for the Michigan Justice of the Peace."

For further information and arrangements for speaking engagements please contact Judge Renfrew at Lincoln 7-0320. Thank you.

Sincerely,



William B. Meanwell

2117 N. Connecticut
Royal Oak, Michigan

CITY OF FERNDALE
MICHIGAN

J04.6600

August 31st,
1950

Mr. G. W. Lamphere, Chairman
Livernois Parkway Committee
527 W. Drayton Avenue
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Mr. Lamphere:

Your letter of August 18th, addressed to the City Commission regarding the Livernois Avenue Parkway, has been referred to me for reply.

The Ferndale City Commission felt this matter should be studied further and more completely, and referred the matter to a Committee of the Whole.

We have written the Michigan Municipal League for any information they may have. We are contacting the Detroit Automobile Club for assistance in making traffic counts, and may consult other authorities.

As soon as we have gathered sufficient information, the Commission has expressed its desire to meet with a group from your Organization to discuss the matter further.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF FERNDALE



W. A. LAKING
Acting City Manager

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MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE
EAST LANSING

DEPARTMENT OF LANDSCAPE
ARCHITECTURE AND
URBAN PLANNING

November 27, 1950

Mr. Gordon W. Lamphere
1840 National Bank Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

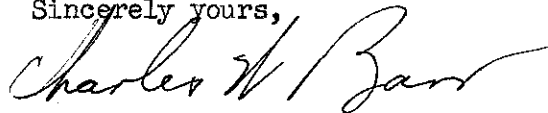
Dear Mr. Lamphere:

The college does not offer any extension service in the field of City Planning. However, I personally act as Planning Consultant for communities whenever such work can be done without interference to my teaching schedule. I spent this past summer working with the City of Birmingham.

I do not know exactly what you have reference to in your letter of November 20th, but would assume that any recommendations regarding street closures or restrictions of traffic within a residential section would require a careful study as to the flow of traffic from home to work and from home to school. Evidently you are concerned with having too much vehicular traffic going through a residential section; such problems do require considerable study, and should be done on a reasonably large area. If I could help you or the city of Ferndale as a whole, I will be very pleased to meet with you to discuss such a possibility.

I am pleased that you are purchasing my book and am sure that you will find it a handy reference book for your office.

Sincerely yours,



Charles W. Barr, Associate Professor
Department of Landscape Architecture
and Urban Planning

CWB/DW

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION - 1951

PRESIDENT	G. Lamphere	527 Drayton	LI-3-1676
VICE PRESIDENT	F. Cartwright	576 Woodland	1-4940
VICE PRESIDENT	T. Fitzsimmons	311 Oakridge	2-7625
SECRETARY	G. Weber	240 Drayton	1-3924
TREASURER	J. Blanchard	216 Woodland	2-1109
LEWISTON	C. C. Lynn	354	3-9768
MAPLEHURST	B. R. McClellan	381	2-8415
	Stanley Thomas	466	3-0777
WOODLAND	Selden Smith	552	1-4864
	J. D. Harrison	206	1-1628
DRAYTON	K. Williams	250	3-0527
	Bernard Ricks	520	4-3711
OAKRIDGE	J. L. Fraser	444	2-5732
	J. C. McCracken	351	2-1441

Membership

Fitzsimmons
Ricks
Cracken

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THOMAS
CARTWRIGHT
HARRISON

House

FRASER
LYNN
MCCLELLAN

Publicity

Weber
WILLIAMS
SMITH

4/30/57

Complaint:

On street parking on W Maplehurst between Woodward & Alley to West of it. A very dangerous safety hazard for pedestrians and children and also for cars approaching Woodward as a car turns into Maplehurst from north

W. G. Beattie ^{hid}



PROFESSIONAL ARTS PHARMACY

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FERNDALE, MICH.

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DISEASES OF CHILDREN

PHONES:
OFFICE: ROYAL OAK 1329
RESIDENCE: ROYAL OAK 2596

FOR _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

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Hazel Park Public Schools

MARTIN ROAD SCHOOL

Lee O. Clark, Principal

2500 Martin Road

Ferndale 20, Mich.

School District No. 8

Hazel Park, Mich.

P. J. Jenema, Superintendent

Cooperative Training Dept.

H. Marta Jardon, Director

May 21, 1951.

Mr. S. W. Lamphere, President
Woodland Improvement Association
527 W. Drayton
Ferndale 20, Mich.

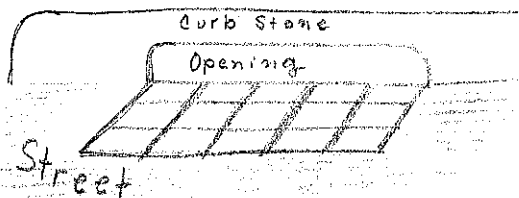
Dear Mr. Lamphere:

I am writing to you concerning a problem that I have had ever since I live in my home at 495 W. Lewiston.

I have had no end of trouble with the sewer openings in the street. The corner on which I live floods every time when we have even a moderately strong rain. The corner, being as low as it is, floods in no time flat. The water rises above the curb and the debris, coming down from Pinecrest, from both sides of Livernois, and from Lewiston is deposited on my front lawn with every wave created by cars passing through the water. My neighbor across the street, Mr. Bragg of 391 West Maplehurst, is not only not cooperative, but he actually appears to be annoyed by my pulling the debris up on the city-owned curb in order to open up the sewer opening. I have seen him push the debris right down into the sewer opening. I guess he just doesn't understand, though I have tried to explain the matter to him.

Truly, I am quite discouraged; for 13 years now, I have had to open the clogged up sewers any time, day or night. Last fall during a down pour, when I was at school, I lost more than half of \$32.00 dirt load that had been delivered a day or so before.

Please help me to get the city authorities to put different sewer openings into the 4 corners of Lewiston and Livernois. The openings we have now are the ones that are flat in the street only, - they do not have the extra openings in the curb, that would allow at least some water to spill down over the clogged-up opening.



This kind of opening is on the Lewiston-Planarou corner; please use your influence that such openings will be installed on the Lewiston-Livernois corners also.

Thanking you in advance for any help and cooperation you are able to give me, I am

sincerely yours

(Miss) Marta Jardon.

495 W. Lewiston.

June 5, 1951

Roy Goodspeed
City Engineer
City Hall
Ferndale, Michigan

Dear Mr. Goodspeed:

I am enclosing herewith letter dated May 21, 1951 from Miss Marta Jardon, 495 W. Lewiston Avenue, directed to me as President of Woodland Improvement Association. I have never met or talked to Miss Jardon and have no information whatever regarding this situation.

It occurred to me that you might have time to read this letter and furnish me with brief comments relative to this situation. If Livernois Avenue is going to be improved this summer it may be that the situation referred to in the letter will be automatically taken care of.

I would appreciate having the enclosed letter returned to me as I believe Miss Jardon is entitled to the courtesy of a call from me regarding her letter.

I wish to thank you in advance for any information you can give me or any assistance you can give Miss Jardon.

Very truly yours,

Gordon W. Lamphere

GWL:ms
Enclosure

CITY OF FERNDALE
MICHIGAN

June 9th,
1951

MR. GORDON W. LAMPHERE
1840 National Bank Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Lamphere:

I have investigated the condition of the Catch Basin referred to in the letter received from Miss Marta Jardon, 495 W. Lewiston Avenue.

This Catch Basin is the same as all of our standard Catch Basins in the City of Ferndale. Our experience indicates that generally this type of Catch Basin is preferable to the open top Catch Basin for the reason that it does catch a lot of debris and keeps it from filling up our Catch Basins quite so fast.

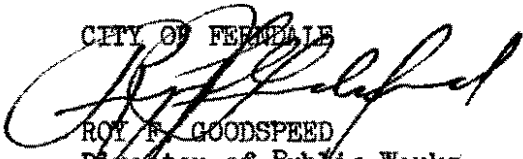
We are endeavoring to get property owners to quit piling their debris from lawns, grass cuttings, etc. on the pavement, which is the cause of the plugging of these Catch Basins. We find that we get less trouble, when we receive the cooperation of the householder, from that type of a Catch Basin, than we do from the other type which allows all of this debris to get into the Catch Basin, filling up same, much faster, causing us a problem of cleaning it more often, and quite often plugging the Catch Basin down at the bottom, which gives us considerably more trouble to open up.

The changing of this Catch Basin is not a simple operation because it would require breaking out a section of the curb and replacing it completely with a new curb as well as changing the Catch Basin Frame.

I hope this satisfactorily answers Miss Jardon's inquiry.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF FERNDALE


ROY F. GOODSPEED
Director of Public Works
and Engineering

RFG:hs

Enclosure (Miss Marta Jardon's Letter of 5-21-51)

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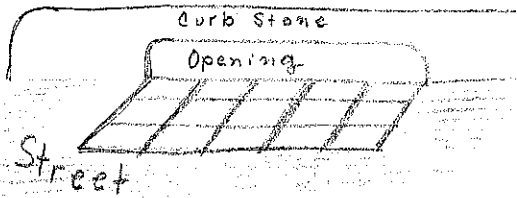
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sincerely yours

(Miss) Marta Jardon.

495 W. Lewiston.

527 W. Drayton Avenue
June 13, 1951

Miss Marta Jordon
495 W. Lewiston Avenue
Ferndale, Michigan

Dear Miss Jordon:

Reference is made to your letter of May 21st relative to the problem at your corner in connection with the storm sewer.

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from Mr. Goodspeed, City Engineer, concerning the matter. After you have read Mr. Goodspeed's letter you may want to discuss the matter further and I would be glad to hear from again. I do not have a copy of Mr. Goodspeed's letter and I would like to have you return the enclosed letter to me for my files on subdivision matters.

Yours very truly,

GWL/hs

495 W. Lewiston.
Ferndale, 20. Mich.
Sept. 23, 1951.

Mr. Gordon W. Lamphere.
1840 National Bank Building.
Detroit 26, Mich.

Dear Mr. Lamphere:-

The enclosed letter, which you so kindly sent to me sometime last June, was accidentally mislaid.

I am very sorry that I am only now, at this late date, returning it to you.

Thank you very much for what you did in my behalf.

Respectfully yours
(Miss) Marta Jordan.

527 W. Drayton Avenue
June 13, 1951

Miss Marta Jordon
495 W. Lewiston Avenue
Ferndale, Michigan

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Yours very truly,

GWL/hs

527 West Drayton Avenue
Ferndale, Michigan
November 27, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. Don Biskner
224 W. Maplehurst Avenue
Ferndale, Michigan

Re: Use of property at
224 W. Maplehurst

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Biskner:

You will recall that several days ago I discussed with Mrs. Biskner the reported rental of part of the above described premises, which would be contrary to subdivision restrictions. It was my understanding that arrangements would be made to comply with such restrictions.

Will you kindly write me at the above address and advise as to your intentions and as to what arrangements have been made.

We assure you that we appreciate your cooperation in this connection.

Yours very truly,

GWL/hs

Gordon W. Lamphere
President of Association.

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229 W. Oakridge
Ferndale, Michigan
January 7, 1952

To Members of
The Honorable City Commission
City of Ferndale
21205 Woodward Avenue
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Gentlemen:

As a taxpayer of the City I am taking this opportunity to bring to your attention the deplorable condition of the sidewalks in Ferndale, with special attention to those abutting business property on Woodward Avenue north of Withington.

It is the writers understanding that there is now an ordinance on the books of Ferndale requiring property owners to clean the snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their property, therefore, as elected representatives of the taxpayers I think it behooves you to make an inspection of the conditions now existing on the sidewalks and bring to task any offenders, business or otherwise.

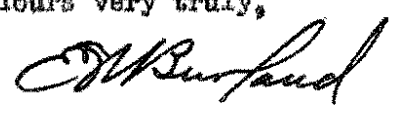
The writer has made several trips the last few days from Oakridge south on Woodward to Nine Mile Road and less than 50% of the sidewalks have been cleaned of snow and ice. This presents a dangerous condition to pedestrians using these walks and may result in bodily injury due to falls.

If the City does not see fit to enforce the Ordinance already on the books, then it should become their responsibility to clean the walks, and furthermore, why doesn't the City see fit to clean the walks abutting park property, which is definitely their responsibility. There is such a considerable stretch of sidewalk on the north side of Oakridge west of Woodward which is neglected 100%.

Our property taxes are being increased yearly, therefore, the taxpayers have a just right in expecting such services as referred to above.

I am presenting this to your attention for review at the next Commission Meeting and will appreciate a reply of your findings and decisions.

Yours very truly,



E.W. Burland

cc: Mr. Bruce D. Garbutt, Mayor
Mr. Roy A. Butcher, Chief of Police
Woodland Park Improvement Association, Secretary ✓

February 4, 1952

(over) ----- Mr. C. C. Lynn
354 Lewiston Avenue
Ferndale, Michigan

Dear Mr. Lynn:

We are about to complete the end of the term for which we were elected as officers and directors of our Association, and the annual meeting will be held next month. Let's look over the past year.

It seems to me that the year has been relatively uneventful. The few instances which involved apparent violations of restrictions have been handled with little difficulty, and no problems are now pending in this connection.

However, we were trying to accomplish one thing--a project initiated by our secretary, George Weber, who has now moved to Texas--and this has not been completed. I refer to the plan to obtain the names of all residents in the subdivision, with each director to obtain names in his block in order that a current directory can be compiled. At the same time, the director should attempt to obtain payment of association dues to evidence active membership and keep our treasury in good condition.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that you promptly complete the canvass of your block and furnish me with a complete list of residents for use in preparation for the annual meeting to be held in March. Your cooperation in this regard will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon W. Lamphere
President

GWL:KS

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED

Officers

G. W. Lamphere,
President
Frank Cartwright,
1st V. P.
T. A. Fitzsimmons,
2nd V. P.
George Weber,
Secretary
J. R. Blanchard,
Treasurer

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

May 1, 1952

Directors

J. L. Fraser
J. C. McCracken
Bernard Ricks
K. Williams
Selden Smith
J. D. Harrison
B. R. McClellan
Stanley Thomas
C. C. Lynn

Dear Neighbor:

The annual meeting of the Woodland Park Improvement Association will be held in the Cafeteria Room of the Roosevelt School on Monday evening, May 12, 1952, at 8:00 o'clock. This meeting will mark the beginning of the eighth year of this organization.

The principal business to be conducted will be the election of directors and officers for the coming year. You will be informed regarding past activities and plans for the year ahead. There will also be an opportunity to discuss any present problems or proposals affecting the neighborhood and the subdivision. Light refreshments will be served.

As a resident property owner in this subdivision, you are eligible for membership in this association. Your interest and participation are necessary to maintain the strength and prestige of your organization, and the annual dues of \$1.00 per family support activities which become necessary to carry out the purposes of the organization--enforcement of subdivision restrictions, procuring and maintaining necessary improvements, and promoting the interests of the property and residents of the subdivision.

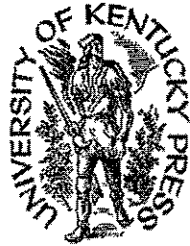
You are respectfully invited and urged to attend this meeting and to show your active interest in the welfare of our neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon W. Lamphere, President

GWL:KS

UNIVERSITY OF



KENTUCKY PRESS

LEXINGTON

September 18, 1952

Gordon W. Lamphere
Assistant General Counsel
Detroit Branch, Federal Reserve Bank
of Chicago
Detroit 31, Michigan

Dear Mr. Lamphere:

We are in receipt of your letter of September 12 inquiring about MAKING GOOD COMMUNITIES BETTER by Irwin T. Sanders. This book is available through the University Press, and sells for \$2.50 a copy. A revised edition of the work is due to be published in November 1952.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Lehman".

Katherine Lehman
Secretary

September 30, 1952

Mr. John Houghton
Principal
Roosevelt School
Ferndale

Dear Mr. Houghton:

At a recent meeting of our association there was a discussion of the practice during recent years of having an organized Halloween party at the school. It was unanimously agreed that the party is very desirable and a good thing for the neighborhood. Although our funds are limited we would like to participate and I have been requested to inquire as to whether or not there would be any objection to our contributing \$10.00 to be used in any way seen fit in connection with the party.

If a small contribution is in order please let me know and I will have the Treasurer send a check.

Cordially yours,

G&L/hs

Gordon W. Lamphere
President
527 W. Drayton Avenue
Ferndale

February 9, 1953

Ferndale Board of Education
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Attention: Assistant Superintendent

Gentlemen:

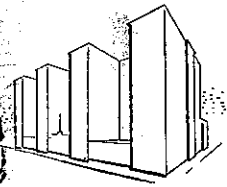
I am enclosing herewith check of Woodland Park Improvement Association payable to your order in the amount of \$5 representing compensation for the use of the Roosevelt Cafeteria on Monday, May 12, 1952. Your statement covering this use is dated November 12, 1952, and we wish to apologize for the delay in payment.

Very truly yours,

Gordon W. Lamphere
President

GWL/mvs
Enclosure

Wilson



Civic Improvement Association

Lincoln 3-4469

800 Silman Avenue
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

February 26, 1953

Mr. G.W. Lamphere, President
Woodland Park Improvement Assoc.
527 West Drayton
Ferndale 20, Michigan

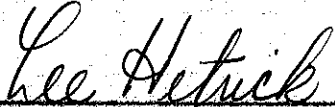
Dear Sir:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wilson Civic Improvement Association, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Be it resolved that the Wilson Civic Improvement Association, after thorough study, endorses the petition of 549 Oak Park residents to the effect that that section of Oak Park included within the Ferndale-Pleasant Ridge School District be ceded to the Clinton School District #3."

We think the school boundary should be co-terminus. Will your organization take similar action? Thank you for your interest in the matter.

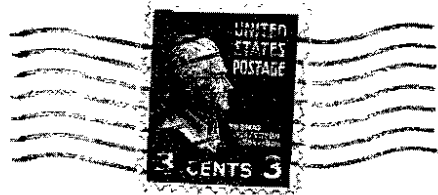
Sincerely yours,



Lee Hetrick, WCIA
Publicity Chairman

Wilson Civic Improvement Association

800 SILMAN AVENUE • FERNDALÉ 20, MICHIGAN



Mr. G.W. Lamphere, President
Woodland Park Improvement Assoc.
527 West Drayton
Ferndale 20, Michigan

betw June '54
+ March '53

Mrs. William R. Beasley

340 W. Woodland, Ferndale 20, Michigan

Mr. Gordon Lamphere, President,
Woodland Park Improvement Association,
Ferndale Michigan.

Dear Mr. Lamphere,

On behalf of the Friends of the
Ferndale Library, I should like you
to know how very much we appreciate
the cooperation of your group on our
Library Bond Issue Proposal. It was
only through efforts such as yours
that our recent campaign was
successful. We hope soon to have
a beautiful new Library we
will all enjoy using.

Thank you so much for your
support.

Sincerely
 Helen J. Beasley,
 President,
 Friends of the Library.

520 W. Drayton Ave.,
Ferndale 20, Michigan
March 16, 1953

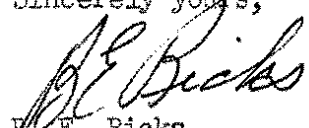
Gordon W. Lamphere, President
Woodland Park Improvement Ass'n.
527 W. Drayton
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Gordon:

As you know I have sold my home at 520 W. Drayton Avenue, Ferndale, and on or about July 1st will move to the Muskegon, Michigan area.

I have notice of the Association's meeting plans for Monday evening, March 23rd, and thought that perhaps at that time you would like to appoint someone as Director to replace me.

Sincerely yours,


W. E. Ricks

BER:GH

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Ray L. Janes and Walter F. Morofsky
Co-operative Extension Service
Michigan State College
East Lansing, Michigan
January, 1954.

Mosquito wigglers live and develop in water. Such water areas are ponds, swamps, broken cesspools, cisterns, barrels, catch basins, eaves and watering troughs and sometimes in slow running streams. Therefore, proper drainage, disposal or chemical treatment of water areas in which mosquitoes breed is the most important means to the control of mosquitoes.

SURFACE TREATING OF STANDING WATER WITH INSECTICIDES FOR WIGGLER CONTROL:

Where it is impossible to drain infested areas, water surfaces may be treated in the following ways:

- a. For water areas where there ARE NO FISH it is permissible to use 5 percent DDT in kerosene. Apply a tablespoonful to an area of about 5 square feet. Kerosene alone may be used but must be repeated more often than the DDT formulation.
- b. For water inhabited by fish, use either kerosene or a light application of a pyrethrum-kerosene larvicide to treat the water surface. DDT will kill fish. Goldfish, if not fed, will control mosquito wigglers in pools by feeding upon them.
- c. Five percent DDT in kerosene or pyrethrum in oil can be used for treating the surface of barrels and cesspools. Apply a tablespoonful to the water surface of a cistern. Other problems can be solved according to what is necessary for good control. DDT SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO WATER USED FOR DRINKING AND COOKING.

CONTROL OF ADULT MOSQUITOES: It is not always possible to control all mosquitoes by drainage and water surface treatments. Hence, the need for adult mosquito control. Do the following:

- a. Keep all grass cut around buildings, play grounds and parks.
- b. Treat the shrubbery with either 4 pounds of 50 percent wettable DDT powder to 100 gallons of water (4 level tablespoonfuls to 1 gallon of water) or 4 pounds of 50 percent wettable DDT powder plus 2 pounds of 40 percent wettable chlordane to 100 gallons of water). Not more than about 50 gallons of either mixture should be applied to an acre. DDT and chlordane should be used with care where children play. Where there is danger to children, DDT is the safest material to use. PLEASE NOTE: DDT and chlordane may damage privet, delphinium, bleeding heart, honeysuckle, and possibly other plants at times.

FOGGING FOR CONTROL OF MOSQUITOES: This method is satisfactory for control of adult mosquitoes for a short period of time. Fogging is of particular value for elimination of mosquitoes from temporary picnic grounds or over swampy areas where it is impossible to drive ground equipment. Best results are had when the fog drifts with a mild wind. Insecticidal fogs may be used around residential

areas providing they are not objectional to neighboring property. Five percent DDT in kerosene or light oil is the most common form of insecticide used for fogging.

SCREENS AS A PROTECTION AGAINST MOSQUITOES: All windows and doors should be properly screened. It is almost impossible to keep mosquitoes out of buildings unless suitable screens are used.

TREATING OF SCREEN DOORS: Apply DDT, 5 percent in kerosene to the screen doors. This treatment may be applied with a brush. A wooden bar should be placed over the screen on the outside for children to push or pull on to open the door. This bar will also help to preserve the treatment by protecting it.

FOR TREATING INSIDE THE HOUSE: Sometimes mosquitoes get inside the house. A pyrethrum spray is both safe and effective for getting rid of mosquitoes under such conditions.

USE OF REPELLENTS: Repellents are used to prevent mosquito bites. Suitable repellents contain Repellent 6-12, Indalone or dimethyl phthalate, or a mixture of these materials. Apply to both the exposed skin and to the clothing.

The Ferndale Civic Committee

~~409 Hazelhurst Ave., W.,~~
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Ferndale 20, Michigan

June 21, 1954.

~~JOHN G. WILSON~~ President John G. Wilson
WM. B. OAKS, Vice President
~~RUBEN POLIKOWSKY~~ Treasurer Ruben Polikowsky
~~CHARLES G. RICHARDSON~~ Secretary Charles G. Richardson

Residence Phone:
Lincoln 2-5604
4-2141

Mr. Stanley R. Thomas,
President, Woodland Park Improvement Association, Inc.,
466 West Maplehurst Ave.,
Ferndale (20), Mich.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

In telephone conversation the other evening with your Association's former delegate to Ferndale Civic Committee, Mr. T. A. Fitzsimmons, of 311 West Oakridge Avenue, the writer was informed by him that he had resigned as delegate.

Mr. Fitzsimmons also stated that your Association was still a going organization and that any business should be taken up with you. Therefore, this letter, inasmuch as I have been instructed to write those Associations who have not paid their 1954 dues requesting that they please do so at their earliest convenience. We hope that your organization still wishes to continue as a member of our Committee.

Would also like to state that the only record we have of your officers is the name and address of Mr. Fitzsimmons and yourself. We would like to have you appoint another delegate -- or three of them, if you so desire -- to attend our meetings the third Wednesday of each month. Please be advised that our Committee is now studying the proposed new zoning ordinances of the City, and we believe you would be interested in the views and comments expressed at our meetings in regard thereto.

Please write me as to your intentions as to continued membership, and send check for \$5.00 to Ferndale Civic Committee, c/o writer, if you desire continued membership.

Sincerely,
Charles G. Richardson, Sec'y.

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

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Yours very truly,

DALE EDWARDS, President

February 4, 1955

Mrs. William F. Hensley
Chairman Ferndale Public Library Committee
332 E. Woodland Avenue
Ferndale, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Hensley:

The officers and directors of this association have discussed the campaign which your committee is sponsoring for a new library in the City of Ferndale and the proposal which will be voted on by the residents of this city on February 14.

We know that there is a very real and immediate need for a library building and facilities and that no suitable or satisfactory building is now available. We believe that the present proposal should be approved and we will urge the residents of our community to support the plan at the polls.

You will have our best wishes for success in your campaign for this important addition in our city.

Sincerely yours,

Wardon J. Langhorne
President

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

March 15, 1955

Lot 486 =
225 W Oakridge

Mr. Harry Collins
Building Inspector
City of Ferndale

Dear Mr. Collins :

The Woodland Park Improvement Association has recently been approached regarding the proposed construction of a residence of approximately 1000 square feet on Oakridge, Lot 486 of the Woodland Park Subdivision.

We have examined the builders plans and find them violate in the following :

1. The set back of 37 feet from the sidewalk to the front of the proposed dwelling does not conform to the requirement of 25 feet specified in the restrictions of the subdivision.

2. The side yard set - back of 3 feet as described on the plans examined is also in violation of the restrictions of the subdivision which requires a minimum of 5 feet for this set- back.

While we appreciate that a building on this property would add to the tax roll and agree that the proposed home is attractive, we ask that the issuance of a building permit be denied because of the violations named. Our position cannot be otherwise and at the same time preserve the good neighborhood we have.

Sincerely,

J. E. Hanson,
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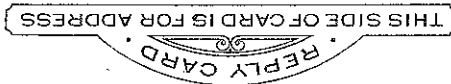
April 1955

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

575 W. OAKRIDGE

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

DALE EDWARDS, President



Dear Neighbor,

It has been proposed that the Woodland Park Improvement Association organize two new services for the residents of our subdivision:

1. A snow removal service to keep front walks clear throughout the winter.
2. A summer spray service to keep yards free of mosquitoes throughout the summer.

Each service would cost approximately \$5.00 per lot per year. Please mark the attached card and mail it promptly to enable us to act this winter.

DALE EDWARDS, *President*

Woodland Park Improvement Association

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Your vote on this card commits neither yourself nor the Association; however, the Officers will be guided by your votes. Unsigned cards will not be counted.

1. I am in favor of
the Snow Removal Program: YES NO

2. I am in favor of
the Yard Spraying Program: YES NO

Name _____

Address _____

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN *May 1955*

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DALE EDWARDS, President

June 6, 1955

*Carl P. Christensen
564 W. Drayton*

Mr. A. J. Walker
371 W. Oakridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Mr. Walker,

I am taking the liberty of sending this notice of the first meeting of the new officers and directors of the Woodland Park Improvement Association from my office, so that I will be sure you are notified.

The first meeting of the new directors and officers will be held at my home at 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 14. My address is 575 W. Oakridge, telephone LI. 5-0358.

Please advise whether or not you will attend.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President Woodland Park Improvement Assoc.

July 25, 1955

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SIDE YARD

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657 W Oakridge

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF FERNDALE

22391 WOODWARD (AT LEROY)
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

JOHN W. PARRISH
MINISTER

ALLEN F. KERNS
ASSOCIATE MINISTER

July 27, 1955

Copies to:

Benj. J. Port
671 W. Oakridge

Sidney M. Davey
641 W. Oakridge

Dale Edwards
575 W. Oakridge

Gentlemen:

As the result of our conference on the evening of July 26 regarding the location of a residence on Lot #39, Woodland Park Subdivision, Ferndale, Michigan, it is our understanding that the following location will be satisfactory to all parties:

Five (5) foot clearance from the east Lot line; five and one-half (5½) foot clearance from the west Lot line; foundation of the main house (not the garage) will be placed even with the main foundation of the residence at 671 W. Oakridge which is estimated to be 36 feet from the front line.

The above specification will be incorporated in the resolution of the Ferndale Board of Appeals providing their consent to the above location can be obtained. The above location will be shown on the plot plan submitted with the application for the Building Permit.

Ferndale First Methodist Church
by Clarence Norman
Clarence Norman, President
Board of Trustees

Theodore L. Degenhardt
Builder
Theodore L. Degenhardt

CITY OF FERNDALE

21205 WOODWARD AVENUE

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

LI. 1-3200 — JO. 4-6600

July 27, 1955

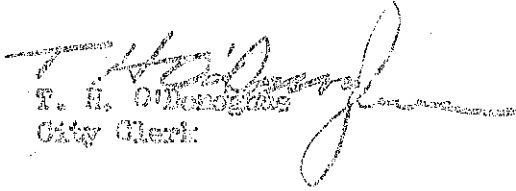
The First Methodist Church of Ferndale has applied for permission to build a parsonage at 657 Cambridge Avenue, West. Such permit has been refused by the Building Inspector inasmuch as it does not exactly comply with our recently enacted Zoning Ordinance #371; but does, however, conform to the provisions of the old Zoning Ordinance #186.

Specifically, the proposed building will be erected within 3 feet of the east lot line and 7-1/2 feet from the west lot line. The new Ordinance requires a minimum of 4 feet on one side and 6 feet on the other.

Ordinance #371 provides that the Building Inspector's refusal may be appealed to a Board of Appeals with all residents within 300 feet of the proposed houses to be notified so that they may appear before such Board of Appeals if they so desire.

The Ferndale City Commission, acting as an Appeal Board, has set a date for hearing of this appeal at 8:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room on the first floor at 21205 Woodward Ave., Tuesday, August 2, 1955. If you have any objections to a permit being granted as applied for and conforming to the terms of the old Ordinance, please arrange to be present at the time and place specified, and you will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Very truly yours,


T. H. O'Donoghue
City Clerk

CITY OF FERNDALE

21205 WOODWARD AVENUE
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN
LI. 1-3200 — JO. 4-6600

225
W Oakridge
Plat
House
Plan

150a Laking
Thomas H. O'Donoghue
Harry Collins

*Some plan was
turned down in April.*

August 11, 1955.

Mr. A. J. Walker,
371 W. Oakridge,
Ferndale 20, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

I am submitting for your comment and approval a set of prints for a house to be constructed on W. Oakridge, Lot 486 Woodland Park Subdivision, to be known as 225 W. Oakridge.

This structure is to be built on a right angle shaped lot with an area of approximately 5500 Square Feet. Size of structure (Brick Veneer) 1073 Square Feet - \$13,000 cost.

This building will meet requirements under Zoning Ordinance #371.

I realize it is an odd shaped lot and set back a trifle further than usual, however it complies with Rear and Side Yard and area coverage. Please have the plans ready for me by Wednesday, August 17th, so I may pick same up.

Respectfully,

Harry Collins
Harry Collins,
City Building Inspector.

HC:an

C.C. - Mr. R. E. McDonald
607 W. Oakridge,
Ferndale 20, Michigan.

August 18, 1955

Mr. Harry Collins
City Building Inspector
City of Ferndale
21205 Woodland Avenue
Ferndale 29, Michigan

Dear Mr. Collins,

In reply to your letter of August 11, 1955 with which you submitted a set of plans for a house to be constructed on Lot 486 Woodland Park Subdivision, to be known as 225 W. Fairview.

The Directors meeting of our Association was held the evening of August 16, 1955. Approval for this structure was denied by unanimous vote of the Directors.

In passing, we would like to point out that these same plans were submitted to the previous administration of the Woodland Park Improvement Association, sometime early last spring and were disapproved at that time. Our objection to these plans has not changed. All houses in the block where this structure is planned, have a setback of approximately 25 feet. Lot 486 is the last vacant lot in this block and we do not feel that such a large departure from the existing setback should be allowed. Our previous letter noted that a properly designed house could be constructed on this lot which would be a credit to the neighborhood. We would be glad to approve the plans for such a house.

Very truly yours,

Edie Ahrens, President Woodland Park Improvement Association.

c.c. to Mr. E. A. Eising
Mr. Thomas A. O'Roerke

November 21, 1955

Michigan State University
East Lansing
Michigan

Gentlemen,

Several members of our Association have requested that we institute a spraying program to control mosquitoes in our area. Several people, including the writer, have had this service in past years and we have found no damage to other wild life.

Some members of the Association have however, expressed the fear that a large scale mosquito spraying operation would have adverse affects on the bird population.

The area in question is heavily wooded, consisting of hardwoods, mostly oak and maple, with a small scattering of other trees. Most residents maintain bird feeding stations, and as a consequence, we have a large population of birds and other wildlife, mostly squirrels with a scattering of opossums and other strays. In addition many of our residents have cats of one kind or another.

PETS

I do not know the chemical ingredients of the spray used, however I can tell you this much: our yard was sprayed early last summer at the height of the mosquito season and the mosquitoes disappeared until late August. We did not notice any reduction in any of the other insects such as are common around flowers and shrubs. The spray used left a fine white residue and I understand can be damaging to privet hedge unless carefully applied. I would very much appreciate hearing from you on the following questions.

Are the commercial sprays generally used in this type work likely to have an adverse affect on the bird life or any other animals mentioned in the foregoing? Are there any certain types of sprays which will adequately control mosquitoes but which will, at the same time, not have an adverse affect on our birds or other wild life? I would greatly appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President Woodland Park Improvement Assoc.
575 Oakridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

November 29, 1955

Mr. Roy F. Goodspeed
City Engineer
Ferndale City Hall
Ferndale, Michigan

Dear Mr. Goodspeed,

At the last Directors Meeting of the Woodland Park Improvement Association, several complaints were received regarding ditches left beside new sections of sidewalk on Maplehurst between Woodward and Pinecrest.

I personally checked this matter on Saturday, November 26 and found that earth removed for forms had not been replaced. While I had expected to find a very narrow trench of two inches or so in width, I was greatly surprised to find that the average width was about five inches and that in some places the width of the trench exceeded ten inches.

The complainants were all ladies who had stepped off of the edge of the sidewalk in the dark. There were no complaints from men and I assume that this is because men's shoes provide considerably better footing. I know that this is a small matter but it does not appear to be taken as such by the people who have unexpectedly stepped into one of these holes.

I trust that you will use your good offices to see that the divots are replaced, thereby contributing to the safety of the residents.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President Woodland Park Improvement Assoc.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COOPERATING

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT

November 30, 1955

Mr. Dale Edwards, President
Woodland Park Improvement Association
575 Oakridge, West
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Your letter relative to mosquito control has been transferred to this office for reply.

Relative to use of chemicals for the control of mosquitoes, I do not know of any that could be said to be 100% safe as far as birds and other wild life is concerned. I think the material you were using had at least DDT in it and that of course is a problem. We know that complete treating of an area will chase the birds out of the area for a time. However, they will come back and repopulate the treated area if continued treating is not practiced. This, of course, is one of the problems that we have to deal with continuously as far as mosquito control is concerned.

As you probably know, mosquitoes breed in water and this water is usually of the stagnant or still-standing situation. Now, I am wondering if a program couldn't be worked out that you would tend to treat more of the breeding areas and less of the wooded areas. By this I mean applying treatments to the water surfaces rather than trying to blanket out the mosquitoes by foliage or tree spraying. In this way I am sure that you could get around some of the objections as far as birds and so on.

It is a little difficult for me to give you highly specific instructions without seeing your situation. It is possible for us at some future date to visit your area and give you further instructions as to how mosquitoes can be controlled properly. Kindly let me know your desires in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ray L. Janes

Ray L. Janes,
Extension Specialist in Entomology

RLJ:cs

75%
6th Wettable Agricultural DDT in 100 gals. of water.

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Incorporated

FERNDAL E 20, MICHIGAN

Dear Neighbor:

Let it snow! Our Association is pleased to announce almost 100% support for the snow removal program, which is now in effect. We wish to thank our block directors for their diligent work on the project and everyone for their interest and prompt payment. We hope the residents of Lewiston, who had made previous arrangements for snow removal, will be with us next year. Anyone who was not at home when the collection was made but who still wishes to contribute can do so either through the block director or by mail to Mr. E. P. Christensen, Treasurer, 564 W. Drayton. Checks should be made payable to the Woodland Park Improvement Association. Snow removal is \$5, dues \$1.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. John Aldred, 1257 W. Saratoga, a resident of Ferndale since 1923, to provide snow removal service. All main sidewalks will be cleaned as often as necessary, including Livernois and Pinecrest. Mr. Aldred has done this work for the Ferndale schools for several years. The police department alerts him when it snows at night, so we can expect prompt service. Our walks will be done with a brush.

Anyone wishing snow removal service in addition to that provided by the Association, such as driveways or areas other than main sidewalks, may contact Mr. Aldred direct.

The Association will pay Mr. Aldred \$900 for his services and equipment in three equal payments through the winter. This is less than originally estimated and, along with the fact that support exceeded expectations, we expect to run a surplus. All snow removal money is separately accounted, and any surplus will be used to reduce next year's cost.

The vote on the mosquito spraying program was less decisive. 70% were in favor of spraying--30% against it. A number of members indicated that they would go along with the majority either way. Several members feared the spray might prove injurious to birds, beneficial insects, or other wild life. In view of these objections, I have asked Michigan State University for any information they can give us on all possible effects of mosquito spray, beneficial or harmful. We intend to have full data on the beneficial insects and wild life question before proceeding with the spray program.

The estimated cost of \$5 a lot for spray, based on the experience of a group of residents on Oakridge, is probably high. One Association member

reports obtaining two sprayings last summer at \$1.75 each. We would appreciate the name of any company or individual who has done satisfactory, reasonably priced yard spray work for anyone in the subdivision. We want bids prior to the General Meeting in March so would appreciate receiving this information soon.

At present, the Association is confronted with two problems: first, the use of the residential lot on the south side of Maplehurst next to the alley at Woodward for commercial parking; second, ditches left beside new sections of sidewalk on Maplehurst. These ditches, as much as 10 inches wide in some places, were apparently dug to accommodate the wood forms, but were not refilled when the work was completed. Both matters have been brought to the attention of the proper authorities and we will report final results at the Annual Meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of our Constitution, all officers and one-half of the block directors, will be elected at the General Meeting in March. A nominating committee will be appointed at the directors meeting on December 12. To keep the Association active and useful, it is desirable to nominate each year some people who have not previously served. The name of anyone interested in improvement work and willing to serve in any capacity should be sent to the nominating committee at this address.

This will be the last bulletin prior to the notice of the General Meeting and election in March. We hope to make this meeting of interest to all residents, and will be glad to consider suggestions on entertainment or speakers.

Merry Christmas, Neighbor, and a Happy New Year!



Dale Edwards, President

Woodland Park Improvement Association

December 7, 1955

Mr. Ray L. Janes
Department of Entomology
Cooperative Extension Service
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Janes,

I am in receipt of your kind letter of November 30, and delayed answering until I could find out what material was used in the mosquito spray.

The gentleman who did the spraying on our yard last year advises me that he uses a substance known as 6% DDT. I don't know how he arrives at the 6% figure as the mixture is 6lbs. of Wettable Agricultural DDT of 75% strength in 100 gals. of water. He advises that this same spray is used around live stock, chickens and other farm animals and poultry, without ill effect. He further states that this mixture originally had a considerable effect on all kinds of insects, but that at the present time its effectiveness is limited largely to mosquitoes.

I know that we had our yard sprayed once last summer and that it appeared to have no effect whatsoever on anything other than mosquitoes. I would certainly appreciate your further comments on this particular mixture.

The last paragraph of your letter mentions that it might be possible for you to visit our area at some future date. I don't know what charge you make for this service, if any, but if it is a figure that we can meet, we would be very much pleased if you could arrange to do so. Could you kindly advise me further in this matter.

Our Association has its General Membership Meeting in the month of March and we had hoped to discuss this matter at that meeting. Associations must, by their very nature, move slowly, and if we start much later than that it would not likely be possible to inaugurate an effective program for the coming summer. We shall look forward to hearing from you further and will be very grateful for any help you can give.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President Woodland Park Improvement Assoc.
575 West Oakridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COOPERATING

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT

December 12, 1955

Mr. Dale Edwards, President
Woodland Park Improvement Association
575 West Oakridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Your letter relative to mosquito control has been received.

If the individual who sprays your yard is using 6 pounds of a 75% DDT wettable powder in one hundred gallons of water, the percentage of DDT in the spray is one-half of one per cent, rather than 6%. The way you figure this percentage is multiplying 6 pounds of 75% strength which gives you 4 actual pounds of DDT in one hundred gallons of water. The one hundred gallons of water weighs 800 pounds. Therefore, 800 divided into 4 gives one-half of one per cent strength.

As to the use of DDT around farm animals, may I advise as follows. DDT is not allowed on or in the vicinity of dairy animals. This being because of the condition in which DDT is stored in fat tissue and is secreted in the fat of the milk. Those animals being finished for slaughter are not to be treated with DDT. This also would apply to poultry and other situations where the animals are going to market in a relatively short period of time. These examples, however, are not perhaps the right approach to the problem you wish discussed.

When DDT is used directly upon various animals they primarily do not eat it. However, with birds, DDT kills off large numbers of insects, thereby depriving the birds of a food supply. On the other hand their food may be full of poison, that is DDT. So you see the thing with birds works out a little differently than it does with our farm animals. I do believe you will find if you treat large areas that the birds will disappear for some time. However, as I indicated in my earlier letter, this is not a permanent situation.

As to DDT killing only mosquitoes, I do not believe that this is entirely true. DDT kills a considerable number of insects of various forms and, of course, one would have to know exactly what you were interested in to be able to give you a good cross section of this. As it is, DDT is very long lasting against mosquitoes, while it may only prove to be of short duration against house flies. In other words, DDT treatments have been

December 12, 1955

known to last most of the summer against mosquitoes but only for two or three weeks against house flies. This, alone, would give the impression that DDT was killing flies poorly and mosquitoes very well. However, I think you will agree with me that this whole matter must be interpreted with a word of caution because of the difference in the ability of DDT to control insects.

On crops it has a longevity of only about seven days but even in these cases DDT proves to be much more superior on some insects than any other insecticide.

Relative to meeting with your Association on mosquito control problems, may I point out that we do a certain amount of this work. The Extension Service for which I work does not charge for attending meetings and discussing problems with people concerned with insect control. Kindly let me know the time when it would be feasible for me to meet with you and I think we can arrange a satisfactory time.

Sincerely yours,



Ray L. Janes
Extension Specialist
in Entomology

RLJ/pw

December 28, 1955

Mr. John Aldred
1257 West Saratoga
Ferndale, Michigan

Dear Mr. Aldred:

I have been advised by the Woodland Park Improvement Association, Inc. that you have been engaged for a snow removal program, and also, that if additional snow removal snow service is desired you should be contacted directly.

Our residence at 541 West Drayton has a garage attached on the west side with a paved drive running from the front sidewalk to the garage. If possible, I would appreciate your including this with your services for whatever fee you may consider appropriate.

Very truly yours,

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R. C. O'HERON

RCO/om

cc: Woodland Park Improvement Association, Inc.

January 5, 1956

Mr. Ray L. Janes
Entomology Department
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Janes,

I find that I will be in East Lansing to a meeting at the University on Wednesday, January 11.

The meeting which I will attend will last from about 11:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m.. Can I see you either before or after that period of time.

I would like to talk to you further about our mosquito problem which has been the subject of previous correspondence. If I can see you on the 11th., I would appreciate directions as I am not very familiar with the campus.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President Woodland Park Improvement Assoc.
575 West Oakridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
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January 12, 1956

Mr. Dale Edwards
President, Woodland Park Improvement Association
575 West Oakridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

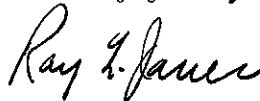
Dear Mr. Edwards:

I have your letter of January 5th relative to your visit to the campus of Michigan State University. I was away at the time and of course up to this moment have been very busy with television, a conference, and getting out literature, so that I am sorry to say that I did not see your letter until this day, which is the day following your visit to my office.

As we talked over the problem yesterday, I do believe that we should emphasize again that there is some danger of chemical poisoning of birds depending on how you use them. I do believe that we outlined one of the better approaches to the mosquito control problem and also the one that perhaps would do less damage to the birds.

If you need further help, kindly let me know. We often visit the various areas under discussion and from this type of activity are able to give you a better approach than is possible through correspondence or conversation. I had hoped to have our literature available on mosquito control before the season arrives. If we do, then, of course we will be in much better shape to handle situations of your kind.

Sincerely yours,



Ray L. Janes
Extension Specialist in Entomology

RLJ:cs

FERNDALE CIVIC COMMITTEE
Ferndale, Michigan

409 W. Hazelhurst Ave.,
February 6, 1956.

Dear Delegate or Alternate:

These notices are going out to each of you in place of the usual postal card to relay to you the wish of our new President-elect, Mr. Arthur F. Lamb, his invitation to you to attend our meeting of February 15th, at 8:00 P.M., scheduled to be held at Ferndale City Library.

We have invited Mayor Garbutt and the City Commissioners to this meeting to discuss with us a proposed new Sign Ordinance, also the removal of snow from side streets. The Commission has indicated they will attend, and it is the desire of your newly-elected officials that as many of you as possible also be there. Please bring with you either your husband or wife or someone interested in civic affairs. Let us show our City Fathers that Ferndale Civic Committee is a real live organization with the best interests of our good City at heart.

Sincerely yours,

Charles G. Richardson

Charles G. Richardson, Outgoing Secretary.

Department of Recreation

David "Bud" Brown, DIRECTOR

130 E. NINE MILE ROAD
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

Roy E. Robinson, SUPERINTENDENT

Lincoln 3-2717
7-2200

February 7, 1956

Dear Friend:

Knowing your organization is interested in Ferndale and Ferndale children, we would like to give you an up to date progress report on the Magic Square Drive. Many organizations, including P.T.A.'s and many individuals have contributed to the Magic Square Fund. Some organizations and some individuals have been very very generous--for example:

Edison P.T.A. contributed \$519; Harding P.T.A. \$100; Taft P.T.A. and students \$321; Ferndale Rotary Club \$200; Ferndale Exchange Club \$200; Ferndale Metropolitan Club \$550.

In addition to the Magic Square donated by Darin & Armstrong, Inc., which is in operation in Roosevelt Park, Mr. Ray E. North, Ferndale's Ford Dealer has donated \$7,500 toward a Magic Square in Wilson Park. Additional gifts are: \$4,000 from an anonymous donor, \$2,000 from the Bonner Foundation, making a grand total of \$20,282.71 in the bank at the present time.

We want to construct the Magic Square in Wilson Park and the bases, which include tennis posts and basketball goals, in Harding, Taft, Mapledale, and Wanda parks this spring. We hope to have them ready for use before school is out in June. For this phase of the program approximately \$15,000 more is needed.

HERE IS WHERE YOUR ORGANIZATION COMES IN!

Will your organization place in your budget a specific amount as a donation to the Magic Square Fund? WE NEED YOUR HELP! If your organization or new Board is not familiar with the Magic Square Program, call one of the committee members listed below, as a speaker, or the Recreation Office, LI 7-2200. Colored slides and a scale model are available for use anytime of day or night. May we hear from you in regards to a donation? Make checks payable to the Magic Square Fund.

Sincerely yours,

Ferndale Recreation Advisory Committee

Ruth D. Romig LI 4-0639
Mary Missiani LI 4-2189
Bud Brown LI 7-2200

Clayton G. Lilly LI 6-1612
Forrest Lindley LI 2-2047
Daniel Jurek LI 3-8309

REPORT BY THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ALL CITIZENS:
1. THE "MAGIC SQUARE-120" HAS BECOME A REALITY IN FERNDALE!
2. THERE ARE CITIZENS AND BUSINESSMEN WHO DO CARE ABOUT OUR CHILDREN -- WHO HAVE VISION FOR THEIR FUTURES AND WHO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!



ONE: AT ROOSEVELT PARK - GIVEN BY JOHN ARMSTRONG - BUILDER
TWO: AT WILSON PARK - GIVEN BY RAY NORTH - FORD DEALER
THREE:
FOUR:
FIVE:

FERNDALE PARENTS & CHILDREN CAN BE PROUD OF ITS FINE PARK PLAYGROUNDS

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
INCORPORATED

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

3-7-56

Meeting
notice

Dear Neighbor:

The annual meeting of the W.P.I.A. will be held in the Cafeteria Room of the Roosevelt School on Wednesday, March 7, 1956 at 8 o'clock. This meeting will mark the 12th year of this organization.

The principal business to be conducted will be the election of directors and officers for the coming year. You will be informed regarding past activities and plans for the year ahead. There will also be an opportunity to discuss and present problems or proposals affecting the neighborhood and the subdivision. There will be a discussion on mosquito control and we have been assured by Michigan State University that the wild life will not suffer if the spray is properly used. The best price so far obtained by the Association is \$5.00 per lot. The officers would appreciate hearing from anyone knowing where a better price can be obtained.

Many children injured by automobiles on residential streets, are struck because a parked car obstructed the driver's vision. We have received a request from the Police Department for permission to experiment with a parking control program within our subdivision. This matter will be discussed at the meeting and a vote of those present will determine the acceptance or rejection of this proposal.

We are very pleased to have obtained Mayor Garbutt as speaker for our meeting. We are sure his talk will be of interest to everyone.

The 1956 annual dues of \$1.00 are payable at this meeting. Light refreshments will be served.

You are respectfully invited and urged to attend this meeting and to show your active interest in the welfare of our neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

Bladen R. McClelland
Secretary

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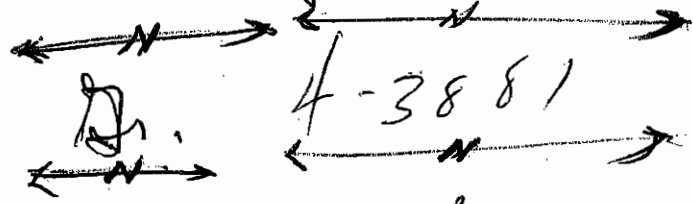
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28627 Grand River

Farmington ~~6763~~



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material + early as possible. 4 sprays
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Ferndale Community Building Association

400 EAST NINE MILE ROAD

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

A Non-profit Organization Supported Entirely by Voluntary Subscriptions

TO: Clubs and Organization Members of the City of Ferndale.

SUBJECT: Campaign Fund Drive for 1956 to begin April 10, thru May 12, 1956. Goal \$25,000.00.

We are anticipating the completion of the new addition to our present building by August 1, 1956. This addition to our building was made possible by an Expansion Fund Drive among business, industry and clubs of Ferndale, at an approximate cost of \$65,000.00.

This addition and added facilities will enable us to accommodate many more activities for our youth, firms, clubs and organizations which we were unable to accommodate in the past, due to lack of space.

Our activities at the present time include, 13 Junior Achievement Companies, Nursery School (3 days a week), Handicapped Club, Cub Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Teenage Club of Michigan, Exchange Club, Rotary Club and Merchant's Association meetings and luncheons, also youth dances and parties. With our added space and facilities we will be able to double our capacity.

We believe that the activities and expansion program of the Community Building can best be served by a financial plan based on Sustaining Membership, and that this policy will be acceptable to a great majority of Clubs and Organizations of our city.

It is the only project in our City, supported entirely by voluntary subscriptions, which supplies Social and Recreational needs and services other than those of a tax supported institution, and deserves favorable consideration from all civic minded citizens.

We will appreciate your cooperation in this worthy cause by renewing your membership at this time.

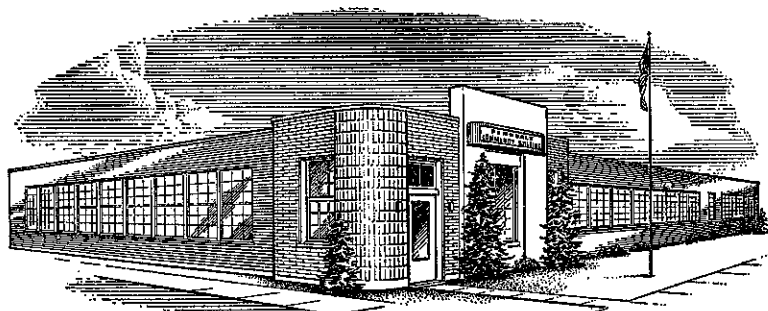
Enclosing membership card for your convenience.

Thanking you kindly.

The Ferndale Community Building Association
Board of Directors

Helen S. Bonner

Mrs. Helen Bonner
President



SUPPORT YOUR FERNDALE COMMUNITY BUILDING

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to submit our check in the amount of \$_____ to cover a one year (12 months) membership as indicated below:

- Community Membership for Youth
- Sustaining Individual Membership for Adults
- Club Membership
- Professional & Business Membership
- Industrial Membership

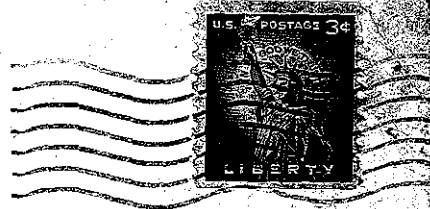
Please send membership card to:

Signed_____

Ferndale Community Building Association
400 East Nine Mile Road
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Support YOUR
COMMUNITY BUILDING

Woodland Park Improvement Assoc.
Mr. Dale Edwards, Pres.
575 W. Oakridge, Avenue
Ferndale 20, Michigan



1956 OPERATIONS CAMPAIGN
APRIL 10 - MAY 12, 1956

April 10, 1956

Mrs. Helen G. Bonner
Ferndale Community Building Assoc.
400 East Nine Mile Road
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Bonner,

We have at hand your letter of solicitation and wish to
reply as follows.

It has long been the policy of this association that no
donations of any kind are to be made. This policy is dic-
tated not by the hardness of our hearts, but by the pressures
of financial necessity. I am sorry, but we must decline to
participate at this time.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President

Ferndale Memorial Association

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

IVAN M. GIBBS, President
Mrs. Ethel H. Kinnane, Secretary
376 W. Saratoga Ave.
Phone Lincoln 1-2099

FERNDALE MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE
Robert H. Miller, Chairman

Woodland Park Improvement Assn.
Ferndale, Michigan

Dear Friends,

Each year the City of Ferndale observes Memorial Day with a parade and appropriate services at the "Boulder". The parade is, without question, one of the best. However, the present location of the "Boulder" is not desirable for Memorial services.

The Ferndale Memorial Association is sponsoring the development of A Memorial Park to be located on Livernois Avenue between Troy and Albany Avenues. Plans for the work have been approved by the City Commission and the City Planning Commission. The "Boulder" will be moved to the new site and a new marker (picture enclosed) honoring all who have served in the armed forces has been ordered.

The estimated maximum cost of the project is \$5,000.00 of which \$1,000.00 has already been donated. To secure the balance of the funds needed, a drive for donations will start February 1st and continue throughout the month.

We ask you help in raising this money by making a contribution as a group and by encouraging the members of your organization to make individual donations.

We hope that every family in Ferndale will help with this worthy project.

Speakers are available, if desired, to explain the plans to your group.

Please make contributions payable to the Ferndale Memorial Park Committee and mail to 376 W. Saratoga, Ferndale 20, Michigan.

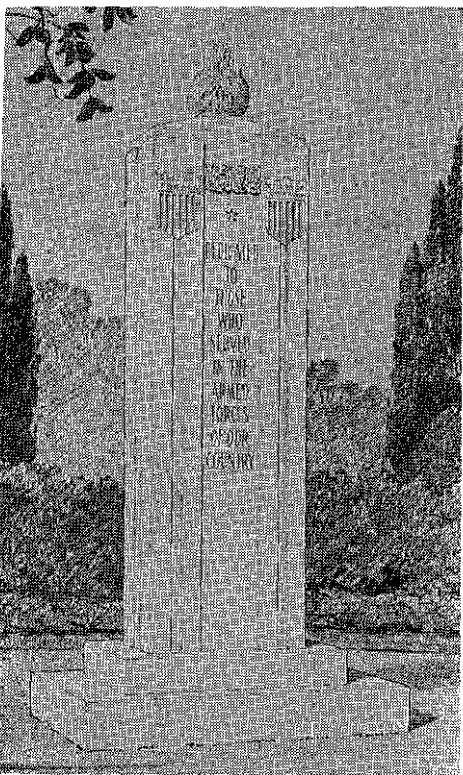
Yours very truly,

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE
of the
FERNDALE MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE


Chairman

Enc.

*Ferndale Memorial Association
Veterans Marker and Park*



*Give Generously for those
who gave for you.*

May 8, 1956

Mr. Sprague
Pest Kill Company
28627 Grand River
Farmington, Michigan

Dear Mr. Sprague,

As per our phone conversations, I am enclosing herewith a list of the homes in our Association that have subscribed to the mosquito spray. The numbers on each street are listed in order so as to make it easier for your operation and the list is marked at the point where our streets are intercepted by Livernois so as to make it easier for you to locate each address.

Our Association territory lies in the northwest part of Ferndale between Woodward Avenue and Pinecrest. It comprises two blocks of West Oakridge, West Drayton, West Woodland, West Maplehurst, and the north-side of West Lewiston from Woodward to Livernois only.

I count 195 homes from the enclosed list. When the spray job is completed we will pay you at the agreed rate of \$2.00 per home. We are contracting for one spray only and the spraying is to be completed before June 1.

There is a possibility that some of our members desire the spray but have failed to contact us yet. If you will give me a closing date, I will phone you the street and number of anyone who contacts me prior to your closing date. If you have any questions, please contact the writer.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President
575 West Oakridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Ferndale Civic Committee

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

409 W. Hazelhurst Ave.,
May 9, 1956.

Arthur P. Lamb, President

Charles G. Richardson,
Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. Robert Z. Willson,
Chairman, Ferndale Community Council Annual Meeting Committee,
Ferndale Co-Op Credit Union Bldg.,
450 East Nine Mile Road,
Ferndale (20), Mich.

Dear Mr. Willson:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, requesting that a panel representative be appointed to represent Ferndale Civic Committee at the forthcoming Ferndale Community Council Annual Meeting to be held in Ferndale Community Building, 400 East Nine Mile Road, Thursday, May 17th, 8:00 P.M., wish to advise that our President has appointed Mr. Dale Edwards to be our representative.

You may get in touch with Mr. Edwards if you wish, at 575 West Oakridge Avenue, Ferndale. His telephone number is LI 5-0358. Copy of this letter is going to Mr. Edwards, and no doubt he would like to have further information as to this assignment.

With our Civic Committee's best wishes for the complete success of the Council's second Annual Meeting, we are

Sincerely yours,

Ferndale Civic Committee.

Arthur P. Lamb
Arthur P. Lamb, President,
546 Flowerdale Ave.,
Ferndale (20), Mich.

Charles G. Richardson
Charles G. Richardson,
Corresponding Secretary,
Address as above.

Copy to Mr. Dale Edwards.

Ferndale Civic Committee

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

409 W. Hazelhurst Ave.
May 29, 1956

TO: The President of each Civic Committee Member Association

ARTHUR P. LAMB, President

CHARLES G. RICHARDSON, Corresponding Secretary

Dear Mr. President:

As you will have noted this letter is going out to each of you, and it is designed to convey a message from the Ferndale Civic Committee delegates to your Association. Perhaps the best way to give you this message is by quoting from the minutes of our meeting of May 10th, so that you may have the details of how this letter came about:

"Mrs. (Matha H.) McKay noted that a meeting of the Promotional Committee had been held at her home on the evening of May 15th with a good representation of members and in which conference techniques were used to get the ideas of all. Many suggestions as to rejuvenization of backsliding Associations and toward the formation of new ones were discussed and listed, and two more meetings of this committee are planned for the coming month. A combining of two Associations is also proposed to strengthen their membership. Mentioned were the Pinecrest Group and the Washington Improvement Association area. Some other suggestions listed were:

1. A Newsletter or Questionnaire to Associations from Civic Committee.
2. A resume' of minutes of our meetings to each Association.
3. The joining of all Associations for one big meeting.
4. "1956 is the Year to Fix" might be a good slogan to use.
5. Block parties with refreshments and a social time included.
6. A Pot Luck Picnic or a meeting at the Magic Squares.

"Mr. Alan Richardson stated that at a pre-meeting get-together of some of our delegates a "Promotional Man" was suggested. Mrs. (E. L.) Grosse suggested that a letter be written to each Association.

"Motion by Mr. Alan Richardson, seconded by James H. Fitch, that a letter be written each Association suggesting its President appoint a Promotional Man (or woman) from its present delegates or alternates to call others and get some others from its general membership to attend out meetings, letter to state that all might try to get together before the meeting and come in one or two cars together if possible. Motion passed.

"Mrs. McKay asked for the opinion of our members on a Block Picnic or Program, and suggested September for a general meeting. One of the excuses generally heard is that 'We cannot get our people out!' Mr. Perez agreed to try out a Block Party outdoors in his Association - Wilson Civic Improvement Association."

As you know Ferndale Civic Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month - excepting July and August - and we would like to have the Presidents of our member Associations attend our meeting of Wednesday, June 20th, 8:00 P.M. at Ferndale City Commission Room to discuss plans for a September "Get Together Meeting."

Do not forget plans are being made also for a Civic Committee sponsored Fourth of July celebration this year, and several Associations have promised their financial and physical support.

Charles G. Richardson
Corresponding Secy.

Christmas Planning Committee
of Ferndale

FERDALE, MICHIGAN

approx.
Aug 1956

To All Presidents of Clubs and Pastors of Churches:

A poll of your membership right now would no doubt reveal that it is a bit too early for any but the most exceptional person to have his or her Christmas shopping all completed and Christmas cards addressed for mailing.

However, it is not a day too early for taking the necessary action by the Christmas Planning Committee of Ferndale to begin preparations for an outdoor Christmas Crib to be erected at the Nine Mile and Woodward corner during the holiday season, and thus to help turn thoughts to spiritual ideals in this age of accent on material possessions. This Planning Committee is sponsored by Ferndale Community Council.

Your organizations is invited to become a member of this Committee (composed of civic, religious, social, business, industrial and independent representatives) by sending your delegates to a meeting to be held ~~Tuesday, September 11th, 8:00 P.M., at the Ferndale Public Library.~~ Plans for the PURCHASING, ERECTION and FINANCING of this project will take place. Consider this letter as your invitation to participate in this worthwhile cause, which for years to come will mark Ferndale as a truly Christian community.

Will you please, therefore, ask your members to discuss this matter seriously and to be sure to select a representative to send to our meeting on September 10th?

Sincerely yours,
Christmas Planning Committee
of Ferndale

Mrs. Clare Martin
Mrs. Mildred Garbutt
Henry O. Graves
Arthur P. Lamb

CORRECTION: Meeting Monday, September 10 at 8 p.m., Ferndale Community Center, 400 E. Nine Mile Road.

If impossible to attend meeting, contributions should be made payable to Christmas Planning Committee and mailed to:

Christmas Planning Committee, Ferndale Community Council
c/o Ferndale Gazette
23235-22910 Woodward Avenue
Ferndale 20, Michigan

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

I N C O R P O R A T E D

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

September 25, 1956

Dear Neighbor,

Hope you had a pleasant and relatively insect-free summer. Now the leaves are falling, your Association is planning ahead to the winter months when we'll put the rakes in mothballs and rest our aching backs while the snow removal rig rolls by.

SNOW REMOVAL: At the meeting on Tuesday, September 11, the officers and directors of the Woodland Park Improvement Association voted to accept the bid of \$950 from John Aldred for snow removal for the winter of 1956-1957. This price is \$50 higher than last year, as it now includes the north side of Lewiston from Livernois to Woodward. Last year this block had arranged for snow removal prior to the time we got rolling. The fee per home remains the same--\$5. Last year the snow removal fund ran a small surplus, and the meeting gave some thought to a reduced fee. Our subdivision includes 323 homes and, as is apparent, \$3 per home would be sufficient if everyone contributed. Last year, out of approximately 300 homes served, 231 paid \$5 each. In the light of these figures, the Board felt that a reduction in fee was not warranted, as we must guarantee payment to the contractor. Last year's small surplus and any possible surplus this year will be maintained intact in the snow removal fund. If two year's experience shows the total number of collections to be dependably high, the fee will then be reduced.

MOSQUITO SPRAY: While our snow removal program worked out well, the spray program met with a mixed reception. Many members feel that the service could be obtained for less than \$2, while others doubt that an effective job of spraying can be done for that price. The spray was done very early in the season to prevent harm to young birds. However, it was too early to be ideal for mosquito control. Subsequent heavy rains made any one-time spray of doubtful value. It appears we must either abandon the spray program or arrange for a spray to be repeated as necessary, as is done in the snow removal program.

WILD LIFE: The concern shown by many members over the effects of the mosquito spray on wild life raises the question of whether anyone would be interested in organizing an Audubon group. A permanent log of birds and wild life seen in the Woodland Park Subdivision might show some surprising results. In June, my own yard was visited by humming birds every evening. This week we saw an opossum on Oakridge. Does anyone else have rare specimens to report? On

the other hand, does anybody have a recipe for 'possum pie?

Last Christmas, your President had occasion to construct a live trap to remove a squirrel from the house of neighbors who were away for the Holidays. This trap is available to any unfortunate Association member who has need of it.

BLOCK DIRECTORS: Within the week following delivery of this letter, your Block Director will call on you. He will ask for \$5 for snow removal and \$1 for dues for 1956, if not previously paid. Please make all payments and bring problems to the Association through your Block Director. The successful operation of the Association depends on your cooperation with him. So that you will know who to contact, should the Director miss you on his rounds, a list of the Block Directors follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STREET AND NUMBER</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
A. J. Walker	371 W. Oakridge	LI 1-6273
Jay Handelsman	479 W. Oakridge	LI 5-9921
J. N. Glover	290 W. Drayton	LI 1-7126
Warren Gates	615 W. Drayton	LI 3-3868
Earl Morrison	392 W. Woodland	LI 1-5426
Marvin Preston	640 W. Woodland	LI 3-4265
George Taylor	391 W. Maplehurst	LI 7-6991
Matha McKay	541 W. Maplehurst	LI 3-7525
W. M. Pleiss	212 W. Lewiston	LI 7-8129

This Association was organized in 1946 and showed 171 paid memberships in that year. Membership fluctuated on a downward trend to 1954, when only 29 paid memberships were recorded. We are happy to report a membership for 1955 of 203, and confidently expect the 1956 membership to be nearly 300.

REZONING PROPOSAL: Mr. George Higgins, through his attorney, Mr. Pense, has petitioned the City Commission for rezoning of the second lot west of the Woodward alley, on the south side of West Maplehurst, and the first two lots west of the Woodward alley on the south side of West Lewiston. Mr. Higgins wants these lots rezoned from single family residential to commercial parking.

We are directly interested in the lot on Maplehurst, which is within the boundaries of the Association, and indirectly interested in the other two, which are immediately adjacent to us. The City Commission referred Mr. Higgins' petition to the Planning Commission for study and recommendation. Owners of property within 300 feet of the lots in question will be notified of the public hearings of the Planning Commission in time to allow them to appear and enter their objections to the petition. We hope these property owners will make a point of appearing at the hearings in person.

The directors and officers of the Association believe that the rezoning of this lot is contrary to the best interests of the Association. Changing the use of this lot to allow commercial parking not only adversely affects the value of adjacent homes but sets a precedent for allowing commercial use west of the alley, which we consider the natural boundary between commercial and residential areas.

The Association, through the Block Directors, is circulating copies of a petition in opposition to Mr. Higgins' proposal. We would like the signature of every adult resident in the Woodland Park Subdivision.

Protect your neighbor now! You may need his protection tomorrow!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Edwards". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dale Edwards, President
Woodland Park Improvement Association

LINCOLN CIVIC IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Ferndale, 20, Michigan
September 26, 1956

Mr. Dale Edwards
Pres. Woodland Park Association
575 W. Oakridge
Ferndale, 20, Michigan

Dear Sir:

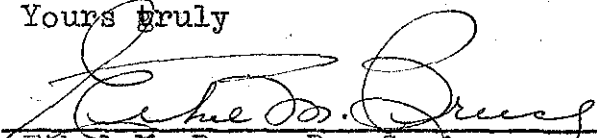
The Lincoln Civic Improvement Association, Inc. wishes to inform you that our Association is opposed to any commercial parking within our residential boundaries.

Therefore, on the matter of property situated on the South side of Lewiston and South side of W. Maplehurst, which we understand that the Higgins Pontiac, 23225 Woodward Ave has petitioned for re-zoning of this property.

If and when any action will take place on the re-zoning of this property, we have appointed Pres. Mr. Gordon D. Haupt to represent our Association, to present the opposition, and thought it only fair to inform you of this matter and to ask you if your association would care to participate with us.

Would appreciate an early reply. Thank you

Yours truly


Ethel M. Bruce, Rec. Sec'y
490 W. Cambourne
Lincoln 1-6624

CITY OF FERNDALE

21205 WOODWARD AVENUE
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN
LI. 1-3200 — JO. 4-6600

Sept. 26, 1956

Mr. Dale Edwards
President, Woodland Park Improvement Ass'n.
575 W. Oakridge,
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Sir:

At a regular meeting of the Ferndale City Commission held on Monday, September 24, 1956, the following official action was taken:

"Communication received from Mr. Hugh J. Conley of 461 E. Woodland objecting to right-hand turns off Livernois on to W. Woodland and W. Oakridge, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., and further states that he feels that this sets up East-siders against West-siders, (class against class).

Mr. Dale Edwards, President of the Woodland Park Improvement Association addressed the Commission, stating that if it was the Ferndale City Commission's desire, such Association would try to poll the residents of this area to see if their feelings on this subject were in favor of removing existing restrictions.

Motion by Commissioner Jennings supported by Commissioner Edwards that this matter be referred to the Police Department for study, past experience to be taken under consideration, and report back to the Commission with recommendation. Also that the invitation of the Woodland Park Improvement Association to take a poll, be accepted and the Lincoln Civic Association be invited to take similar action.

AYES: All.

NAYS: None."

Very truly yours,



L. P. Kress
City Clerk

LPK:mmr

October 3, 1956

Ethel M. Bruce
490 W. Cambourne
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Madam,

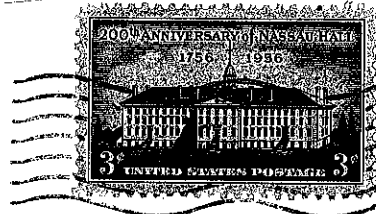
I have at hand your letter of September 26 regarding petition by Mr. George Higgins for re-zoning of property on the south side of West Lewiston and West Maplehurst.

Please be advised that I have been in contact with your President, Mr. Gordon D. Haupt and that we have mutually agreed on a plan of action.

I am sure that Mr. Haupt will report to your association from time to time.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President Woodland Park Improvement Association



Mr. Dale Edwards
Woodland Park Association
575 W. Oakridge
Ferndale, 20, Michigan

October 8, 1956

Mr. Roy F. Goodspeed
Ferndale City Hall
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Mr. Goodspeed,

In reference to our telephone conversation of Friday, October 5, regarding beautification of vacant city owned property at the end of Livernois on the north side of West Oakridge.

Several residents on Oakridge have complained of the condition that this property is now in, and also as to its use for parking purposes. One of the residents, Mr. Dougherty at 414 West Oakridge, has a surplus of shrubbery which he has offered to donate if the City will make an effort to beautify this lot and end its use as a parking site. We would be very happy if you would study this matter to see if the City will take any action and we will be glad to cooperate in any way that we can.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President Woodland Park Improvement Association

October 29, 1956

City Clerk
Ferndale City Hall
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Sir,

Some time ago the City Commission heard an objection about the restrictions on turns on Livernois Avenue in our subdivision. At that time our Association promised the City Commission that we would survey the residents for their opinions on this matter.

The results of the vote are enclosed and you will note that we did not advocate any particular course of action but simply asked each resident to express their preference. A "yes" vote indicates that the resident is in favor of removing the present restrictions and a "no" vote indicates the opposite. We indicated also the number of people who were undecided.

The vote is complete except for the second block of Drayton and the first block of Maplehurst. These two votes have been held up because the block directors in those blocks have been unable so far to complete the voting on their streets. We will forward the results of those blocks as soon as they are received. The vote enclosed indicates that 60 residents are in favor of removing the present restrictions, 180 residents are in favor of retaining the present restrictions and 3 were undecided.

Very truly yours,

Dale Edwards, President Woodland Park Improvement Assoc.

CITY OF FERNDALE

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Nov. 3, 1956

Woodland Park Improvement Ass'n.
c/o Dale Edwards, President
575 West Oakridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Gentlemen:

A petition signed by 20 residents of West Maplehurst petitioning the Ferndale City Commission to have street lights on West Maplehurst from Woodward Avenue to Pinecrest, installed in accordance with the Detroit Edison Company street lighting plan, was presented by me to the City Commission, at a regular meeting held on October 29, 1956.

The City Commission referred this matter to the Woodland Park Improvement Association, requesting that they contact the people of this street to see if they can obtain a greater expression of the people in regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,



L. P. Kress
City Clerk

LPK:mw

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Dale and Virginia Edwards

575 WEST OAKRIDGE
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

Mr W. R. Beasley
330 W Drayton
Ferndale 20, Mich

Nov 19, 1956

Dear Bill

Herewith Woodland Park Check # 75 in the
amount of \$100 ~~xx~~, retained in the matter of
George Higgins.

The immediate neighbors have decided to sign
as party to the suit. I have put every record of
the problem in a separate file if you want to
check it.

I assume that it will hear from you as
soon as you are ready to start, the sooner
the better.

Dale Edwards

January 23, 1937

Mr. Harry Collins, Building Inspector
2105 Westland Ave.
Livonia 27, Michigan

Dear Mr. Collins,

On Monday night, January 21st., the City Commission heard our complaint regarding non-compliance of the zoning ordinance in regard to the vacant residential property on the South side of West Highstreet immediately west of the alley behind Higgins' Furniture Service.

While various Commissioners took exception to parts of our complaint, and while the City Attorney gave his opinion that Mr. Higgins had two years from the date of the ordinance in which to comply, we have the definite understanding that the Commission nonetheless ordered that the definite steps be taken:

1. That the Planning Commission hold a public hearing and report to the City Commission at the earliest possible date.
2. That the Building Inspector proceed at once to enforce the ordinance.

We are looking forward to your prompt action in this matter and we have little doubt that the City will be party complainant in court against Mr. Higgins as a result of your action. On the other hand, we also have little doubt that the City will be in court as a party defendant if you do not so proceed. I shall see that a regular inspection of this lot is made in the future and will be prompt to advise of further violation.

Very truly yours,

Edna Edwards

c.c.: Mr. Fred Loring, City Manager
Mr. Cogh Nelson, City Attorney
Mr. L. R. Brown, City Clerk
Mr. W. R. Donahy
Livonia Center Bldg.
Livonia, Michigan

Mailed - Jan 29

January 28, 1957

Mr. Orph C. Holmes
125 W. 9 Mile Road
Ferndale 2, Michigan

Dear Orph,

I feel that the dispute between the Woodland Park Improvement Association and Mr. George Higgins over his use of a lot on the south side of W. Napichurest has now come to the point when some restatement of the issues is essential for clarification.

First: the lot in question is not the extremely small triangle of land which constitutes the first lot of record immediately west of the alley but is rather the second parcel which is nearly full size. It is considerably larger than lots in similar locations on Woodland, Brighton and Oakridge. There would be no serious problem in constructing a home on this lot that was entirely in conformity with the existing code.

Secondly: we would like to come to the Ordinance itself which is number 371 and is known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Ferndale, here-in-after referred to as the Ordinance. ARTICLE IV contains the "GENERAL PROVISIONS" and section 4-12 covers "NON-CONFORMING USES". We quote the applicable portions of section 4-12 below:

Section 4-12 NON-CONFORMING USES. The lawful use of land or building existing at the time of adoption of this Ordinance may continue, although such use does not conform to the regulations specified by this Ordinance for the district in which such land or building is located, subject to the following conditions and specifications:

1. **NON-CONFORMING EXISTING USES OF BUILDINGS.**
(Not involved)
2. **NON-CONFORMING EXISTING USES OF LAND.** The non-conforming uses of land, where no building is located or where a conforming building is located, existing at the time this Ordinance becomes effective may be continued subject to the following conditions and specifications:
 - (a) A non-conforming use of land shall be made to conform to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance within a period of two (2) years after the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance.
 - (b) The non-conforming use of land shall not in any way be expanded or extended, either on the same or adjoining property.
 - (c) If a non-conforming use of land is thereafter discontinued or changed, then the future use of such land shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance."

In the interpretation of a statute there are many factors to be considered, some of which are given a greater or lesser weight under different sets of circumstances, but I believe that there are three (3) primary factors, or rules, to be considered here. They are as follows:

1. A statute must be strictly construed. Any right not expressly denied by the statute is retained by the citizen.
2. A statute must be considered whole. An interpretation of a part which does violence to the plain meaning of the whole statute, will not hold.
3. Legislative history of the act in question.

In commenting on the three (3) rules just named, I am sure that you will agree with me on the first as it appears from your previous opinion that this may have been apparent in your mind while reading Section 4-12 (2) above. If you believe this to be the dominant consideration, I would suggest that the provisions of part (2) (a) of section 4-12 are subservient to, and limited by, the opening paragraph of Section 4-12 and may only be applied to a use that was lawful under the preceding ordinance. An allegation of previous lawfulness has never been made. A strict reading of Section 4-12 (2) (a) would also require that equal weight be given to paragraph (b) and (c). I can produce witnesses prepared to swear that the acts complained of have been "suspended or extended" in violation of paragraph (b) and have been, on at least two occasions, "discontinued" and recently "changed" in violation of paragraph (c). *preceding*

In reference to rule 2, I would like to mention that the separation of paragraph (a) from the balance of the Ordinance in general and the rest of Section 4-12 in particular brings one to the conclusion that the unlawful use of vacant land was gratuitously given a two year license to continue. Such a reading is not consistent with the rest of the Section or Ordinance.

As to interpretive point number (3), I would hasten to add that this is one of the weak sisters of statute construction because it often runs head-on into the rule of strict interpretation. However, there are times when legislative history is a valid consideration, and properly so. This is particularly so when considering an Ordinance which replaces a previous one because the theory of continuity comes into play. Even though the plain wording of the Ordinance must govern and the intent of the framers disregarded, to hold that an act which is unlawful under both the preceding and the subsequent Ordinance receives an interim license of lawfulness seems a strained and unnatural interpretation of a single part. Some continuity is expected in the law and when a stricter Ordinance replaces a less strict one, it is general practice to allow a reasonable time to comply where the new Ordinance prohibits an act that was previously lawful however where compliance could be demanded, without delay, under the old Ordinance, the same rule would apply to the new.

I am asking that you reconsider your previously expressed opinion and advise whether or not it remains unchanged.

Very truly yours,
W. Edwards

CITY OF FERNDALE

21205 WOODWARD AVENUE
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January 29, 1957

*9 Reprints
22000 ft
Will have 4 Spaces to Park.*

TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS LOCATED WITHIN
300 FEET OF LOT NO. 447, RESUB., WOODLAND
PARK SUBDIVISION, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 23329
WOODWARD AVENUE WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE
WEST SIDE OF WOODWARD AVENUE BETWEEN
VALLEHURST AND WOODLAND AVENUES

PUBLIC HEARING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1957 AT 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.,
IN THE CITY COMMISSION ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE MUNICIPAL
BUILDING LOCATED AT 21205 WOODWARD AVENUE.

The Ferndale Board of Appeals has received a request from
Meyer Weingarden & Sons acting in the interests of Mr. Rosenberg,
owner of the above described property, for an addition to such
building, which has been denied by the Building Inspector because
of insufficient off-street parking space.

Ordinance No. 371, Article IV, Section 4.16, paragraph 21 states
the following:

"All retail stores (except as otherwise specified herein):
One (1) parking space for each three hundred (300)
square feet of floor space for a building not having
more than eighteen hundred (1,800) square feet of
floor space and one (1) parking space for each ad-
ditional two hundred (200) square feet of floor space
over eighteen hundred (1,800) square feet."

Zoning Ordinance No. 371 provides that an appeal may be made to
the Ferndale Board of Appeals, which Board is composed of the
members of the Ferndale City Commission.

This matter will be discussed with the applicant and any and all
other interested persons. If you have any objections or sugges-
tions as to whether or not such permit should or should not be
approved, please arrange to be present at the time and place
specified above and you will be given an opportunity to be heard.

L. P. Kress
L. P. Kress
City Clerk

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March 2, 1957

Mr. Dale Edwards
Secretary, Woodland Park
Improvement Association
575 West Oak Ridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Mr. Edwards:

We, Orin Enerson, 390 Wrst Drayton; Raymond Elliott, 393 West Drayton; and L. A. Dahle, 340 West Drayton being unable to attend your annual meeting of March 4, wish to register in favor of proposals #6, #7, and #8 as are outlined in your Order of Business.

Sincerely yours,

Orin Enerson
Raymond Elliott
Leonard A. Dahle

School District of the City of Ferndale
130 East Nine Mile Road
Ferndale 20, Michigan

April 2, 1957

Dear Organization President:

This school district's new high school is now
under way,

The ground-breaking ceremony will be held on
the site, Pinecrest at W. Marshall, this Saturday,
April 6, 1957, at 2:00 p.m.

You and other members of your organization are
invited to be present.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District of the City of Ferndale

April 10, 1957

To: Carl Morrison:

In case anyone asks (and I suppose it should be in the records) about the park at the end of Livernois,

Shrubs	4	Juniper	
	5	Burning Euonymus	
	1	Flowering Crab	
	<u>10</u>	Total	23.90

Labor

18.00

\$ 41.90

Now you know what the city provided for the money.

Wale

Dale Edwards

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

I N C O R P O R A T E D

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

April 15, 1957

Dear Neighbor,

With the full realization of how difficult it will be to maintain the high standard of correspondence set by our past president, I would like to inform you of some of the developments that have taken place in the past month.

If you were unable to attend the annual meeting you will be interested in two projects that have been undertaken by your Association.

STREET LIGHTING: Most of the members in attendance felt that for the safety of the residents in our subdivision the present street lighting is grossly inadequate. This can and will be remedied provided enough residents on each block approve the plan. Enclosed in this letter you will find a drawing which shows the approximate position of the new lights. Nearly everyone wants better lighting but for some curious reason few want a light in front of their own home. If we wish adequate lighting it will take the co-operation of everybody.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Many residents on the east half of the streets between Woodward and Livernois feel that something should be done about commuters who park their cars all day on the street. These people, who are not residents of the area, evidently board a southbound bus.

It has been decided to secure an expression of opinion from the residents involved as to whether they would approve parking restrictions between the hours of 2 A.M. and 9 A.M. This would automatically eliminate parking by downtown employees and still would not interfere appreciably with residents.

MOSQUITO SPRAY: The directors decided at the March 25th meeting to discontinue the mosquito spray program temporarily because of much dissatisfaction with last year's results. Your directors will welcome any comments or suggestions.

In the very near future your block director will be calling on you to secure your opinions on the above mentioned programs and, last but not least, to receive your 1957 dues of one dollar.

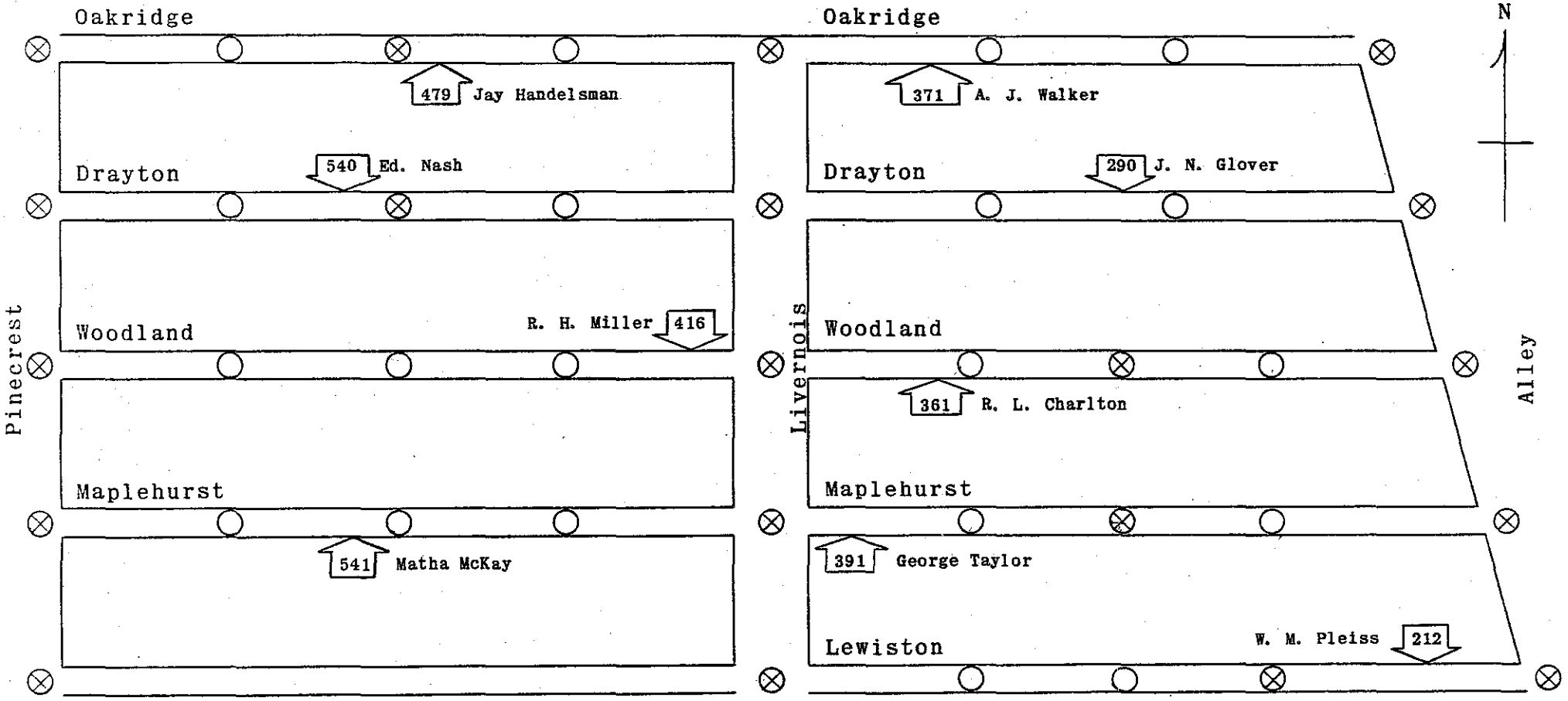
We anticipate no more snow this year but hope you were satisfied with our latest "snow job". You might be interested in knowing that the approximate cost per resident for each removal was twenty cents.

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Earl A. Morrison

President

**BLOCK DIRECTORS' NAMES, ADDRESSES
AND
EDISON STREET LIGHTING PLAN FOR WOODLAND PARK SUBDIVISION**



⊗ Approximate location of existing lights which will be replaced

○ Approximate location of additional proposed lights

🏠 Address and approximate location of block director

424 W. Lewiston Ave.,
Ferndale, Apr. 21, 1957

Mr. Earl A. Morrison, Pres.,
Woodland Park Improvement Assn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 15, regarding street lights.

We have been in Ferndale only a couple of years, having been heaved out by Wayne University, and while that was a wallop because our location there had a special value to us, I can testify that I do not know of any place near Detroit that can compare with Ferndale as a pleasant place to live. Quiet, clean, good transportation, business district available easily without being a nuisance; and I would give special honorable mention to the courtesy of drivers on the streets. Courteously taking their turn at stop intersections, practically no blating horns, and women and children can cross even a business street where in Detroit it would be practically suicide.

But this is really to introduce the thought that my short term of residence can properly be taken into consideration, if neighbors generally feel differently on this question of lights.

Personally, I have felt no need of additional lights. It is easily understandable why people do not want a light in front of their house, and I suspect we may be more vulnerable in that regard than most others. In addition to having French doors in living room, looking on the street so that a glaring light outside would destroy the peace and quietness of the room, we have the still greater question of the principal bedroom with casement windows; and to heap enough curtains, drapes, blinds etc., on those to keep out the glare of a light in front of the house, would turn the room into a dungeon.

As to the map sent with your letter, surely there are several things about it which suggest, if they do not command, explanation. On these 5 streets from Oakridge to Lewiston, inclusive, between Woodward and Pinecrest, a general idea is followed, of placing lights at approximately equal intervals in each block EXCEPT that on Lewiston between the Alley and Livernois, the exact contrary is suggested, of crowding two lights into one end, ~~and~~ cutting out the equal lighting, and leaving the rest of the block unlighted, even more than it is now.

And the plan also results in the strange coincidences, that the light near Mr. Handelsman, block director 479 is to be cut out; the light near Mr. Nash, Block Director 540 is to be cut out; and the light nearest to Mr. Pleiss, Block Director of 212 is to be cut out, with the result as mentioned above, of leaving more than half of the block on Lewiston unlighted.

Yours Truly

R. A. Bell

21 May 1957

Mr. Earl A. Morrison
392 W. Woodland
Ferndale, Michigan

Re: Woodland Park Improvement
Association, et al, vs.
George N. Higgins, et al

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to our understanding I filed a motion to advance the above case for trial.

For various reasons the Court will not be able to hear this case until September. However, the case is definitely set for September and presumably will be heard at that time.

The attorney for Mr. Higgins has told me that, if we are interested in making a settlement of this case, Mr. Higgins would be agreeable to the following:

1. A set back from the side or west line of the lot in which would be planted trees and appropriate shrubbery to shield the lot from the house (or if we preferred, a wall).
2. A set back from the front lot line of the same distance of other houses in the block.
3. A black-top or other surface so that there would not be any dust.
4. That the lot would not be used at night.
5. A provision that such a settlement would be without prejudice to action that might be taken by any other Woodward business people to move across the alley for parking purposes.

If any of you are interested in a settlement along these lines, I wish you would call me and let me know; otherwise, we will continue to prepare for trial of this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ William R. Beasley
William R. Beasley

WRS:cat

CITY OF FERNDALE

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July 24, 1957

Grace Baker, Secretary
Woodland Park Imp. Association
381 W. Woodland
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Madam:

At a regular meeting of the Ferndale City Commission held on Monday, July 22, 1957 the enclosed survey was presented by me to the Commission.

The following official action was taken:

"Motion by Commissioner Jennings supported by Commissioner O'Donnell that the petitions be filed for future reference, that copies of the Police Department survey be made available to the petitioners and any other interested persons who telephone or call in person at the City Clerk's office, requesting same, and that after petitioners have studied the Police Department survey, come back to the Commission for further discussion if they so desire."

I am sending you a copy to make sure you have one. You may advise the petitioners how they may obtain a copy if they do not already know.

Yours very truly,



L. P. Kress,
City Clerk

LPK:mv
Encl.

Neil J. McGillis
Chief of Police

Lincoln 1-3650

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF FERNDALE
MICHIGAN

17 July 1957

To : Chief N. J. McGillis
From : Traffic Control Division
Subject : Traffic Volume and Right Turn Survey
Location: Livernois Ave., between 9 Mile & W. Oakridge

Dear Sir:

As per request of the Ferndale City Commission at a regular meeting held 8 July 1957, relative to a turn and volume survey on Livernois Ave. between 9 Mile Rd. and W. Oakridge, the following information is submitted:

Attached Exhibit No. 1

Origin-Destination Flow Diagram, showing total traffic entering northbound Livernois Ave. north of 9 Mile Rd. and distribution of traffic in percentage and numbers making right turn movements.

Attached Exhibit No. 2

Traffic volume survey of 24 hour volume and 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM volume of traffic using streets running east and west of Livernois Ave. between 9 Mile Rd. and W. Oakridge. Date of this survey 17 October 1956.

Attached Exhibit No. 3

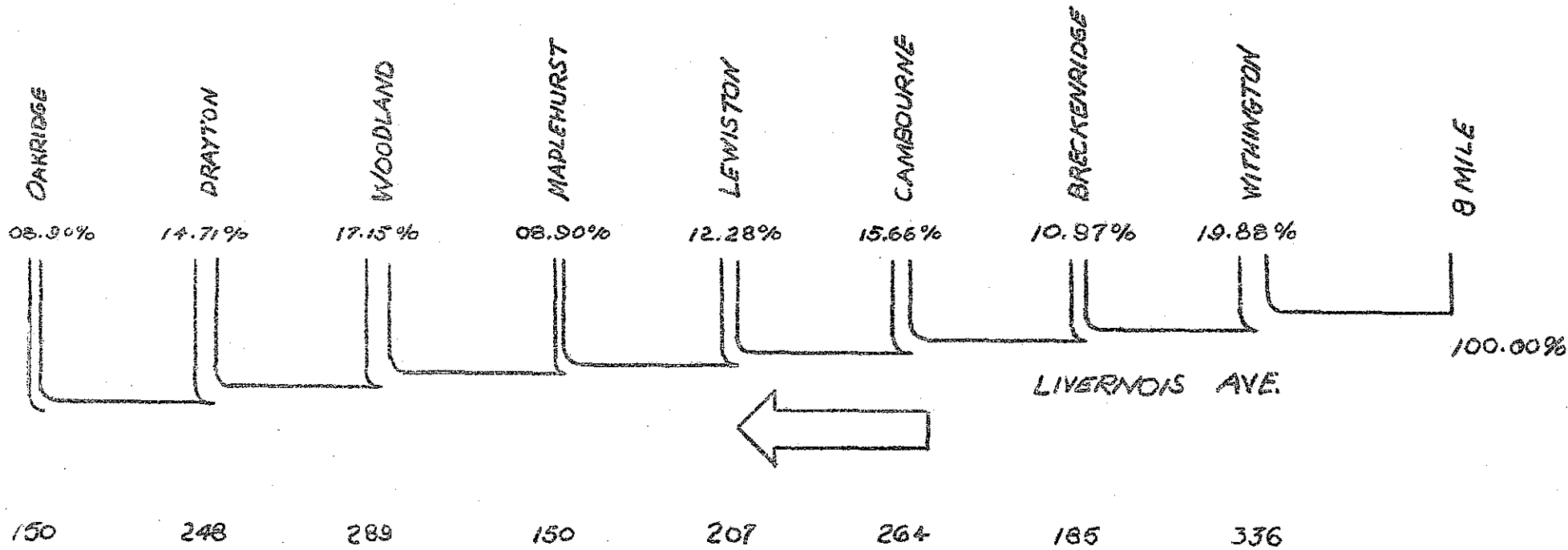
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Sincerely yours,

Albert G. Gertley
Traffic Control Officer
Traffic Control Division

EXHIBIT NO. 1

ORIGIN-DESTINATION FLOW DIAGRAM
(ONE DIRECTION ONLY)



TRAFFIC CONTROL DIVISION
PERNDALÉ POLICE DEPARTMENT

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Volume

PREPARED BY: T.C.O. A. GERTLEY

DATE OF SURVEY: JULY, 9-10-11-12-15-16-17
1957.

TURN AND TRAFFIC VOLUME SURVEY

CONTROL DIVISION
 MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE OF SURVEY: 15 thru 23 October 1956

LOCATION: Livernois Ave. north of 9 Mile Road

STREET	BETWEEN	24 HOUR VOLUME	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM		TURNS	
			Volume	Volume	RIGHT	LEFT
Withington	Livernois - Planaven	2,442 Vehicles	905 Vehicles		344	- -
	" - Pinecrest	1,185 "	448 "		- -	158
Breckenridge	" - Planaven	1,135 "	285 "		165	- -
	" - Pinecrest	781 "	377 "		- -	- -
Cambourne	" - Planaven	2,489 "	525 "		* 51	- -
	" - Pinecrest	1,511 "	493 "		- -	* 14
Lewiston	" - Planaven	349 "	118 "		- -	- -
	" - Pinecrest	391 "	142 "		- -	- -
Maplehurst	" - Woodward	498 "	155 "		49	- -
	" - Pinecrest	754 "	111 "		- -	77
Woodland	" - Woodward	3,805 "	1,115 "		* 138	- -
	" - Pinecrest	1,101 "	471 "		- -	* 20
Drayton	" - Woodward	1,361 "	474 "		- -	- -
	" - Pinecrest	1,176 "	383 "		- -	- -
Oakridge	" - Woodward	1,067 "	257 "		- -	- -
	" - Pinecrest	1,373 "	204 "		- -	- -

Note: - - Denotes: Turn movements not requested at time of survey, and were not recorded.

* Denotes: Turn movements in violation of 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM restriction

EXHIBIT NO. 3

TURN AND TRAFFIC VOLUME SURVEY

TRAFFIC CONTROL DIVISION
 MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE OF SURVEY: 9 AM to 17 JULY 1967

LOCATION: Livernois Ave. north of 9 Mile Road

STREET	BETWEEN	24 HOUR VOLUME	8:00 PM TO 7:00 PM VOLUME		TURNS	
			RIGHT	LEFT		
Withington	Livernois-Planavon	2,535 Vehicles	501 Vehicles	336	-	-
"	" -Pinecrest	1,431	425	-	-	170
Dreckenridge	" -Planavon	504	337	165	-	-
"	" -Pinecrest	502	245	-	-	83
Cambourne	" -Planavon	3,304	796	* 264	-	-
"	" -Pinecrest	1,310	365	-	-	* 37
Lewiston	" -Planavon	617	325	207	-	-
"	" -Pinecrest	350	395	-	-	255
Maplehurst	" -Woodward	508	172	150	-	-
"	" -Pinecrest	503	136	-	-	110
Woodland	" -Woodward	4,266	1,006	* 239	-	-
"	" -Pinecrest	1,379	395	-	-	* 35
Drayton	" -Woodward	1,087	275	248	-	-
"	" -Pinecrest	997	257	-	-	* 45
Oakridge	" -Woodward	1,492	184	150	-	-
"	" -Pinecrest	370	147	-	-	* 34

Note: * Denotes: Turn movements in violation of 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM restriction.

Handwritten notes and calculations in the bottom right corner, including a circled '1006' and other figures.

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATED

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

September 23, 1957

Dear Neighbor,

At the spring meeting, the directors of the Woodland Park Improvement Association unanimously decided to call a special meeting of the entire membership in the early fall to study all aspects of the George Higgins parking situation and to determine the best course of action to be followed.

There has been some evidence of a change in attitude by several residents near the lot in question and the directors felt it would be beneficial to determine the attitude of the subdivision as a whole.

The meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd, at 8:00 o'clock in the Roosevelt School Cafeteria.

It is extremely important that you be present so that the association may have the benefit of your opinion. Only through your active participation can the decision reached represent the thinking of the majority of the association.

It should be borne in mind that though you may not feel directly affected by the immediate situation there is the possibility that at some time a similar problem may arise in which you are directly involved and the solutions arrived at in this case could establish precedent for any future cases.

SNOW REMOVAL

The time to be thinking seriously about snow removal is here and J. Aldred is available at the same price again this year, \$950.00.

A majority of the directors felt the \$5.00 rate was again advisable to insure meeting the contract. At this rate one hundred ninety subscribers would be required to guarantee fulfillment.

BLOCK DIRECTORS

Block directors are badly needed for Maplehurst. Any volunteers or suggestions would be greatly appreciated. It's a good way to become acquainted with your neighbors.

PARKING PROBLEM

The residents of the west block of Drayton Avenue feel Sunday morning parking on that street is becoming a serious problem. Mr. Ed Nash, director of that block is preparing a petition in an effort to limit parking to one side on Sunday mornings.

STREET LIGHTING AND PARKING PROGRESS

The street lighting and restricted parking petitions have been submitted and are under consideration by the City Commission. Further information on these projects will be discussed at the special meeting.

Don't forget the special meeting October 3, 8:00 o'clock, in the Roosevelt School Cafeteria.

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Earl A. Morrison

President

Ferndale Civic Committee

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

ARTHUR P. LAMB, President

CHARLES G. RICHARDSON, ~~Recording Secretary~~ Secretary

Recording

409 W. Hazelhurst Ave.,
October 19, 1957.

Mr. Dale Edwards,
President, Woodland Park Improvement Association,
575 W. Oakridge Ave.,
Ferndale (20), Mich.

Dear President:

At our Committee meeting of October 16th at City Hall Commission Room our Treasurer, Mr. Allen Richardson, gave me a list of four member Associations whose dues, in amount \$5.00, have not been paid for 1957. Your Association was one of these.

President Arthur P. Lamb requested that I notify each Association named of this fact and request that dues be paid as soon as possible. I might mention too that your Association has been represented by only one delegate for five meetings this year, by two delegates for one meeting, and by none at all in September and October. Give Mrs. McKay credit for attending 6 meetings this year and Mrs. Porteous one meeting.

This letter, therefore, is not only a request for dues payment, but also is a plea that more delegates or alternates please attend future meetings. Perhaps you, Mr. Edwards, would like to attend our meeting of November 20th. Card of invitation will be sent you as to place of meeting.

Thanking you in advance for early reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles G. Richardson
Charles G. Richardson,
Recording Secretary.

CITY OF FERNDALE

21205 WOODWARD AVENUE

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

LI. 1-3200 — JO. 4-6600

Oct. 24, 1957

Earl A. Morrison, President
Woodland Park Improvement Association
392 W. Woodland Avenue
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Sir:

At a regular meeting of the Ferndale City Commission held on Monday, October 14, 1957, I was instructed by such Commission to send a copy of the enclosed notice to all Civic Improvement Associations.

Yours very truly,



L. P. Kress
City Clerk

LPK:mrw

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN RELATION
TO NECESSITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A
PUBLIC PARKING LOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE
OF WITHINGTON AVENUE FROM THE
ALLEY WEST OF WOODWARD AVENUE TO
PLANAVON AVENUE.**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held before the City Commission of the City of Ferndale in relation to the acquisition of land located on the south side of Withington Avenue from the alley west of Woodward Avenue to Planavon Avenue for the purpose of establishing on said land a metered, off-street public parking lot.

Said meeting to be held at 8:00 p. m. on Tuesday, November 5, 1957 in the public library located on Nine Mile Road E. in the City of Ferndale.

CITY OF FERNDALE

By: L. P. Kress, City Clerk

LAW OFFICES
FORSYTHE & BEASLEY
304 FERNDALE CENTER BUILDING
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

CARL W. FORSYTHE
WILLIAM R. BEASLEY

LI 7-4100

October 31, 1957

Mr. Earl A. Morrison, Jr.
392 West Woodland
Ferndale 20, Michigan

RE: Woodland Park Improvement Association
vs. Higgins

Dear Earl:

I am enclosing a letter that I have received from David C. Pence, attorney for George Higgins. Under the circumstances, we do not have any alternative but to wait until Mr. Higgins is able to appear in Court.

I would respectfully suggest that you bring this matter to the attention of your directors so that they will understand the reason for the delay.

Please return Mr. Pence's letter to me when you are through with it.

Very truly yours,



William R. Beasley

WRB/br

Enc.

January 11, 58

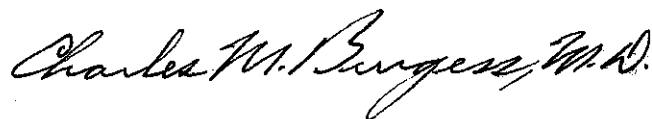
CHARLES M. BURGESS, M. D.
23235 WOODWARD AVENUE
FERNDALE, MICHIGAN

Mr. David C. Pence,
Pontiac, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Mr. George Higgins is under my care at the present time. As he is convalescing from a coronary occlusion I am recommending that he take an indefinite leave of absence from his work. I do not think it would be advisable for him to be involved in any court work at this time.

Yours truly,



Charles M. Burgess, M.D.

November 7, 1957

Mr. Charles G. Richardson
Secretary, Ferndale Civic Committee
409 W. Hazelhurst Avenue
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Mr. Richardson:

I recently received your letter, via Mr. Edwards, informing me that the Ferndale Civic Committee dues had not been paid by our Association for 1957. To my knowledge, no notification has been received that dues were payable.

Thank you for calling our attention to this matter and enclosed is a check in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) to cover the dues for 1957.

Very truly yours,

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Berl A. Morrison
President

Enc.
BAM:GB

Mailed Dec. 3 - to
1957

H. O'Connor	455	W. Oakridge
Wm. Saunders	265	W. "
J. W. Fuller	577	W. Woodland
H. Vickers	565	W. Woodland
F. C. Ayer	529	W. "
R. Many	454	W. Maplehurst
R. M. Darsons	446	W. "
H. B. Wilcox	250	W. "
A. J. Sulek	260	W. "
P. J. Watson	456	W. Drayton

Mr. H. O'Connor
455 W. Oakridge
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear neighbor:

You are probably aware that the installation of the street lights in our neighborhood is now in progress. It was the opinion of the majority of the property owners that these additional lights would be beneficial, especially as a safety measure. Our need for further safety measures is accentuated by the following two facts: (1) Our area lies between two heavily traveled thoroughfares. (2) This is a particularly heavily wooded neighborhood.

Only recently a degenerate was apprehended in our immediate vicinity. If nothing more, this emphasizes the fact that we are not immune to the frequent crimes committed by these deranged people.

There are ten rights of way which have been refused. Because of these refusals seven lights cannot be installed. It is the wish of the majority of the subdivision that you carefully weigh the advantages and disadvantages of the lights and reconsider accordingly.

Very truly yours,

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Earl A. Morrison
President

EAM:GB

250 W. Maplehurst
Ferndale 20, Michigan
December 6, 1957

Mr. Earl A. Morrison
President Woodland Park Improvement Ass'n.
392 W. Woodland
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Earl:

Re: Installation of Lights


A president of any association with or without remuneration, is a thankless job. I admire you for taking and assuming the responsibilities of the office. I have lived at this address for twenty-three years and appreciate the yeoman's service the association has done in our community.

My neighbor on the West and I were very much disappointed with the type of installation proposed by the Edison Company. If we were to have some rather attractive light poles, as does Woodward Avenue, it would add to the appearance of the street, but to have some old wooden poles sticking way up in the air with a wooden arm and several guy wires to hold it up, is an eye sore.

If and when Edison wants to do a decent job on lighting the street, we would go for it.

We have all the parking on our side of the street and now they want us to have all the wooden poles.

Sincerely,


Harold B. Wilcox

HBW:db

FERNDALE CIVIC COMMITTEE
Ferndale, Michigan

409 W. Hazelhurst Ave.,
Ferndale (20), Mich.
Dec. 6, 1957.

Mr. Earl A. Morrison,
President, Woodland Park Improvement Association,
392 W. Woodland Ave.,
Ferndale (20), Mich.

Dear Mr. Morrison:

Thank you for your letter of
Nov. 7th, enclosing check in amount \$5.00 covering
dues of your Association for 1957 in Ferndale Civic
Committee.

Herewith is Receipt No. 36 issued by our Treas-
urer Alan Richardson which he handed me this even-
ing.

Might mention that dues for 1958 in Ferndale
Civic Committee are due in January, 1958. Would
you please favor me with an up-to-date list of
delegates and alternates to our Committee from
your Association? Thereby obliging

Yours sincerely,

Charles G. Richardson
Charles G. Richardson,
Recording Secretary.

Mailed Jan. 17, 1958

January 16, 1958

Herman O'Connor
Holton, Michigan

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

On behalf of the Woodland Park Improvement Association I am appealing for a reconsideration in allowing the Detroit Edison Company permission to place a street light between your property, 455 W. Oakridge and the adjacent property 445. To accomplish this it is necessary to have your permission to run an overhead line from the back lot line to the pole in front. The right of way has already been granted by the residents of 445 W. Oakridge.

Three other modern fixtures have recently been placed on Oakridge between Livernois and Pinecrest and the reaction of the residents has been one of approval. This fixture would complete the lighting of that block.

After you have given it careful consideration, I would appreciate hearing from you concerning the above matter. If your reconsideration is favorable a signed statement giving the right of way would officially get it under way.

Very truly yours,

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

EARL A. MORRISON
President

EAM:gb

School District of the City of Ferndale
130 East Nine Mile Road
Ferndale 20, Michigan

January 24, 1958

To Organization Presidents:

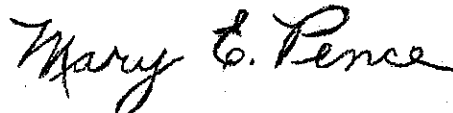
You and other interested members of your group are invited to the Open House to be held in the two new special education rooms recently built as an addition to the Harding School, Burdette at Sylvan.

The Open House, sponsored by the Board of Education assisted by the Harding School PTA, will be held on Thursday evening, February 27, 1958, from seven until ten o'clock.

These fine rooms were built with funds voted by the people of Oakland County for furthering the education of handicapped children. The specially designed rooms are being used by our Adjustment B Class and the Orthopedic Group.

It is hoped you can drop in sometime during the evening to see this much needed addition to our school system.

You are also invited, if your time permits, to attend the meeting of the Harding PTA which begins at 8 p.m.



Mary E. Pence
President
BOARD OF EDUCATION

(13) Harding School Addition

The Board, on October 15, 1956, gave informal approval to getting data on building, with funds from the County, two rooms at Harding School for use in the special education program. (Board Minutes, October 15, 1956, Page 378, Vol. 12A)

On November 5, 1956, it was stated (REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, November 5, 1956, Page 382) that "County funds can become available for such construction and the architects have been requested to make a study of the matter".

At its meeting on November 28, the Citizens Advisory Committee on School Plant Planning endorsed the proposed addition. The architects submitted sketches of the proposed construction on that date. On December 17, the Board looked over the "equivalent to preliminary plans", and on January 17, 1957, the Oakland County Board of Education approved a Contract with the School District of the City of Ferndale for the construction of the two rooms for special education use. On January 21, 1957, the Board authorized the Superintendent and the Secretary to sign the contract, "Special Education Facility Agreement No. 23", subject to the approval of the Board attorney. (Board Minutes, January 21, 1957, Page 676, Vol. 12A). The CACSPP approved the final plans on March 27, 1957, and recommended approval to the Board of Education. Board approval for the final plans and authorization to advertise for bids was given on April 1, 1957. (Board Minutes, April 1, 1957, Page 1071, Vol. 12A)

The bids were opened on May 20, 1957, and contract awards were made on May 27, 1957. (Board Minutes, May 27, 1957, Page 1319, Vol. 12A). The award for the architectural trades in the amount of \$46,400 went to the Leslie Construction Company; for the mechanical trades in the amount of \$16,812 to Carl Bartone and Sons; and for the electrical trades in the amount of \$5,389 to the Stanley Electric Company. To this total of \$68,601 was added the architects fee making a grand total of \$72,031. Of this, the County would pay \$70,000, and the Board, out of the general fund, \$2,031.

The facility was scheduled to be completed for occupancy with the opening of school in September 1957. However, a prolonged strike by the supplier of aluminum skylights delayed the project so that completion was delayed until late December. The classrooms were occupied on January 2, 1958. To January 3, 1958, the following sums have been paid.

Leslie Construction Company	\$39,285.00
Carl Bartone and Son	13,816.80
Stanley Electric Company	4,176.00
Jahr-Anderson-Machida, Inc.	2,572.54
Publications-Attorney's Fees	<u>150.41</u>
Total	\$60,000.75
Balance to be paid	\$12,030.25

Within the very near future all essential paper work, documents, guarantees, waiver of liens, etc, will have been completed and final payments made.

Grand Rapids, Mich
Jan 25 1958

Mr Earl A Morrison:

In reply to your letter of Jan 16. I would like to have more information on just where the wire is to be put. At the moment I have no objections to the plan but if you can explain it to me more completely I feel sure the approval can be given.

With your reply please send a statement for me to sign that will be satisfactory.

If a new pole is to be put in front just where would it be located with respect to the driveway?

Yours truly

Herman Oborn

247 Biddings SE

Grand Rapids, Mich.

This is regarding property at 455 W. Oakbridge

FERNDALE, MICHIGAN

2-11-58

You are invited to join the FERNDALE CIVIL DEFENSE - RESCUE

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZING

To have a local group of persons who will be equipped and organized to aid and assist in rescue work in event of enemy action or local catastrophes. Remember storms at FLINT - SARVIA - LINCOLN PARK where unorganized helpers proved a hazard and a nuisance.

PRIMARY FUNCTIONS

Immediately following attack or storm, the Rescue Group should

1. Release people trapped under debris or damaged structures.
2. Render essential First Aid during period of releasing victims.
3. Have victims removed to safe location where they may be cared for.

ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING

Each group will consist of eight (8) persons with a leader.

Groups will be taught to use correctly:

Ropes -- Ladders -- Stretchers -- Gas Masks -- Fire Extinguishers --
Tools -- Burning Torches -- Shoring Walls -- PLUS a simple First Aid Course.

First Instruction will be

Use of Ropes

Method of Whipping Rope

Tying and Using Knots such as

Overhand

Half-hitch

Clove Hitch

Bowline

Lashing

Single Sheet Bend or Becket

Double Sheet Bend or Becket

Square Knot

Timber Hitch.

MEETINGS

Held at Ferndale Public Library
222 East Nine Mile Road , beginning Tuesday, February 11, 1958,
8 P.M. to 10 P.M.

Ed. Buelle, Deputy Director

Harry Collins)
James Taylor) Instructors

Harry Collins

Mailed Feb. 12, '58

Dear Mr. O'Connor

I am in receipt of your letter of January 28 and appreciate your prompt reply.

It is difficult for me to state definitely the exact position of the pole. This decision has been left to the Detroit Edison Company and to ~~my~~ my knowledge there ~~has~~ been no ~~complaints~~ ^{dissatisfaction} shown by other property owners. In cases where there have been ~~complaints~~ ^{complaints} or stated ~~in the exact spot~~ they have

The wires ~~are~~ follow the property line overhead as ~~much~~ ^{close} as possible.

~~Admittedly~~ ^{Apart from} the information above is rather inconclusive and ~~am~~ attaching a statement I feel will be satisfactory to the Detroit Edison Company ~~if~~ you approve of the light.

Very truly yours.

~~I approve of a light to be placed~~
~~by the Detroit Edison Company.~~
I hereby grant the right of way ~~for~~
light to be placed ~~to~~ place ~~there~~
~~over~~ overhead ~~wire~~ line from the back
~~property~~ ^{lot} line ~~to~~ the ~~front~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~
for the purpose of erecting a street light
in that locality.

CITY OF FERNDALE

21205 WOODWARD AVENUE
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN
LI. 1-3200 - JO. 4-6600

February 26, 1958.

Mr. Earl A. Morrison, President
Woodland Park Improvement Association
392 W. Woodland
Ferndale 20, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Your City Officials have for many years believed that a new City Hall and Police Station are a community necessity. Architects have been retained who have completed preliminary plans and have had a model of the proposed new City Hall and Police Station constructed.

It is proposed to present the question of approval of a bond issue to construct and furnish the building to tax paying voters at the polls on April 15th. A brochure is being prepared which we believe gives most of the pertinent facts as to why a new City Hall and Police Station are considered necessary. A copy will be mailed to you as soon as it is received from the printers.

It would be appreciated if you will bring the bond election to the attention of your members. The City will be glad if you so desire to send a representative to a meeting before April 15th to explain further and, if it is available, bring the model or slides for you to see.

If you wish someone to appear before your group please call Mrs. Nicolai at the City Hall, Lincoln 1-3200, and give her the place and time of your meeting. As much advance notice as you can conveniently give us to assist in arranging schedules would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



BRUCE D. GARBUTT,
Mayor.

am*

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

I N C O R P O R A T E D

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

March 6, 1958

Dear Neighbor:

Please circle March 13th on your calendar for that is the date of the annual meeting of the Woodland Park Improvement Association. We will meet in the cafeteria of the Roosevelt School at 8:00 P.M. Let's have a big turn out!

Following is the order of business:

1. Introductions.
2. Secretary's report.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Summer mosquito spray.
5. Results of parking restriction proposal.
6. Results of street lighting proposal.
7. Report on the legal action against George Higgins.
8. Any new business.
9. Election of officers. The following members have expressed their willingness to serve if elected. Additional nominations will be welcomed. Please be certain that the person nominated is willing to serve:

President - Earl Morrison	392 W. Woodland	
1st V.P. - Morgan Miller	445 W. Drayton	
2nd V.P. - Daniel Loncar	206 W. Woodland	
Treasurer - Paul Ewers	530 W. Drayton	
Secretary - Grace Baker	381 W. Woodland	
Directors - Ed Nash	540 W. Drayton	
	Joe Glover	290 W. Drayton
	R. W. Shirk	531 W. Maplehurst
	Roy Haedt	330 W. Maplehurst

Remember, March 13, 8:00 P.M. at the Roosevelt School cafeteria.

Very truly yours,

Earl A. Morrison

FERNDALE CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE
Ferndale, Michigan

409 W. Hazelhurst Ave.,
Ferndale (20), Mich.,
May 2, 1958.

Mr. Jack Shelton, President, Wanda Improvement Association,
1561 Channing Ave.

Mr. Earl A. Morrison, Jr., President, Woodland Park Improvement Ass'n.,
392 W. Woodland Ave.

Mrs. Alice Oddy, Acting President, Woodward Heights Improvement Ass'n.,
181 E. Cambourne Ave.

Mr. Peter Dues, President, Woodward Farms Association, Inc.,
244 St. Louis Ave.

Dear Presidents:

This letter is going to each of you in behalf of the Mayor's Committee on Clean-up as a reminder to your Associations that the month of May, 1958, has been proclaimed "Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up Month" and the Slogan is "FRESHEN THE FACE OF FERNDALE."

A very active Committee of citizens representing the various segments of the City's organizations and business and industrial firms has been organized to make this year's Clean-up Campaign a most successful one. The writer has been asked to contact your Associations to bring to you the message that it is the desire of the Committee that each Neighborhood Association participate in the Clean-up Drive.

It is the plan of the Committee to send out letters of commendation to those home-owners, residents and business places, which do an outstanding job of improving their premises this month -- and to those who always keep a very neat and tidy home or place of business and who have given it a touch-up during this campaign. These letters will be signed by Mayor Bruce D. Garbutt, our Honorary Chairman, and Mr. James H. Fitch, our General Chairman, and should be a matter of pride to recipients.

In order that there may be a real coverage of the residential area of Ferndale, we are asking the Presidents of each Association to be on the alert for homes which they can recommend for citations. Also please ask your active members to be on the look-out for such addresses and have them give them to you. During the last week of the campaign we would like to have you forward these names and addresses to the undersigned to be turned over to the Clean-up Committee.

You may address your list to the above given address or, if you prefer, you may call me at LI 4-2141. Trusting you or your members will have found a number of eligible residents in your neighborhoods and that you will favor me with a letter or 'phone call, I am

Civic-mindedly yours,

Charles G. Richardson
Charles G. Richardson,
Secretary, Ferndale Clean-up
Committee.

LAW OFFICES
FORSYTHE & BEASLEY
304 FERNDALE CENTER BUILDING
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

CARL W. FORSYTHE
WILLIAM R. BEASLEY

May 27, 1958

LI 7-4100

Woodland Park Improvement Association
Mr. Earl Morrison, Jr., President
392 West Woodland Avenue
Ferndale 20, Michigan

RE: Woodland Park Improvement Association
et al, -vs- Higgins, et al.

Dear Sir:

The above case is now set for trial on Tuesday, June 24, 1958, at 9:30 o'clock A.M. The case involving the condemnation of the Withington property for a parking lot is going to be heard in the week of June 11th, and it is for this reason that our case has been put over to Tuesday, June 24th.

I would like to meet with the various interested property owners on Monday evening, June 23, 1958, at 7:30 o'clock, in my office, or at such other place as may be convenient.

Very truly yours,

wrb/w



William R. Beasley

June 9, 1958

Ferndale City Commission
Ferndale 20
Michigan

Dear Sirs:

The attached petition for the limitation of Sunday morning parking on Drayton Avenue between Livernois and Pinecrest is being called to the attention of your honorable body for consideration.

Many residents of this section of Drayton Avenue feel that for general safety and protection of property that parking should be curtailed on one side of the street. The decision as to which side to be made by the Traffic Department.

Very truly yours,

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Earl A. Morrison
President

EAM:gb

LAW OFFICES
FORSYTHE & BEASLEY
304 FERNDALE CENTER BUILDING
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

CARL W. FORSYTHE
WILLIAM R. BEASLEY

LI 7-4100

June 12, 1958

Woodland Park Improvement Association
392 West Woodland Avenue
Ferndale, Michigan

Attention: Earl A. Morrison, Jr.

RE: Woodland Park Improvement Association
-vs- Higgins, et al

Dear Earl:

My original agreement with the Improvement Association regarding the above case, provided for an attorney fee of \$300.00 plus costs if the above case was tried. According to my records, I have been paid a retainer of \$100.00 in this matter.

In view of the necessity of obtaining documents and instruments and other trial preparation, I would appreciate the Improvement Association sending me an additional retainer of \$150.00 at your convenience.

If you have any question regarding these matters, please call me.

Very truly yours,

wrb/w

William R. Beasley
William R. Beasley

*P.S. Earl - I thought this should
go to you before you leave.
Bill*

*Check # 101 \$150.00
To Wm R. Beasley
6-21-58
WB*

Department of Recreation

DAVID "BUD" BROWN, DIRECTOR

130 EAST NINE MILE ROAD
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGANHELEN WOODRUFF, SUPERVISOR
OF WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' ACTIVITIES

October 15, 1958

Lincoln 7-2200

Earl A. Morrison, President
Woodland Park Improvement Association
392 W. Woodland
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Mr. Morrison:

We wish to share with you and your members our pride in the public recognition which our Ferndale Magic Square Program is receiving. The cover picture of the Michigan School Board Journal, of July 1958, which we are enclosing, shows teen-agers dancing under the stars at the Ray North Magic Square, in Wilson Park. The feature article, "Recreation Magic in Ferndale", p. 8-9, includes pictures of ice skating at the Robert Chambers Magic Square in Roosevelt Park, and roller skating, teen age dances at the Ray North Magic Square.

These pictures point up the flexibility of programs possible on the Magic Squares and actual year-round use of these facilities. This combination of utility and economy appeals to communities striving to provide adequate recreation facilities for their growing populations. Magic Squares are now in use at Harding, Mapledale, Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson Parks.

Ferndale, the pioneer of Magic Squares, is still working on its long-range plans for four full-size and two half-size squares. To date, two full-size Squares are completed; two full-size and one half-size bases are equipped with basketball goals and tennis posts but are not yet fenced. Fencing for these and the construction of another half-size base are needed badly.

Another reason for pride in our Magic Square is that the money to finance them has come from many generous, civic-minded individuals, organizations, clubs and business concerns. Everyone recognizes the need and value of this program.

\$4,608.00 is needed to lay, fence and equip the half-size base at Wanda Park; our fund stands at \$218.08. Will you help us get on with the job?

Your donation to the Magic Square Fund will be greatly appreciated. If your club or organization can not donate at the present time, would you put a figure in your budget for the Magic Square for next year.

If your members desire further information, we will be glad to send you a speaker and colored slides showing the construction and use of our Magic Squares.

A member of our committee will contact you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Bud Brown
Bud Brown, Secretary
Recreation Advisory Committee

BB/leb

Member of

FERNDALE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
222 East Nine Mile Road
Ferndale 20, Michigan

October 20, 1958

TO: Presidents of Organizations

FROM: United Nations' Day Committee,
Ferndale Community Council

ABOUT: The Fourth Annual Ferndale
United Nations Day

On Sunday afternoon, October 26, 2:30 to 3:30, the Fourth Annual Ferndale United Nations Day will be observed at Fellowship Hall, Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Pinecrest at Drayton.

You may wish to represent your organization on this important occasion, and invite others to attend. It is open to the public.

The attached sheet gives more details about the kind of program planned.

UNITED NATIONS DAY COMMITTEE

Mary Barr
John Bennett
Gordon Haupt
Agatha Loveless
Roy Robinson
Robert Willson

FOURTH ANNUAL FERNDALE UNITED NATIONS DAY

Fellowship Hall, Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church
Pinecrest at Drayton
Sunday, October 26, 1958
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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Benediction -- The Rev. Calvin F. Hamilton, Minister, First Baptist Church of Ferndale

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
I N C O R P O R A T E D

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

October 29, 1958

Dear Neighbor:

We might as well face the music. The leaves are gone so snow can't be far behind; but there's good news to report.

This year the directors feel that because of a modest surplus accumulated over several seasons, the snow removal price can be lowered to three dollars providing we obtain nearly 100% participation.

With the cooperation of everyone in the subdivision, which numbers approximately three hundred twenty residences, we will be able to meet the contract which is \$950.00 per season.

Assuming Mr. Aldred makes twenty five rounds which is average for a normal winter, the price to you would be 12¢ per sweep. Not bad at today's prices. Let's have everyone's cooperation!

MOSQUITO SPRAY:

Very little has reached my ears good or bad as to the results of this year's mosquito spray program. If you have any criticism, you feel would be beneficial in planning the project for another year, your director would be glad to hear it.

HIGGINS CASE:

The legal action taken against George Higgins has been tried in court and we are awaiting a final decision. The association appreciates the time and effort given by those who took part.

1958 DUES:

Most 1958 dues have been paid. If, however, yours are not paid to date, your director will be glad to receive them when he collects for snow removal. Dues are \$1.00 per year.

FINAL REMINDER:

Your block director will be calling at your door within a reasonable time after you receive this letter to collect for snow removal. Make it easy for him, he's your neighbor.

Very truly yours,

Earl A. Morrison

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CITY OF FERNDALE

21205 WOODWARD AVENUE
FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN
LI. 1-3200 - JO. 4-6600

February 5, 1959

Grace Baker, Secretary
Woodland Park Improvement Association
381 Woodland W.
Ferndale 20, Michigan

Dear Sir or Madam:

At a regular Meeting of the Ferndale City Commission held Monday, February 3, 1959, I was authorized and instructed to notify all residents of Pinecrest Drive between the Nine Mile Road and the North City Limits that there would be a meeting in the Ferndale City Commission Room, Wednesday February 18, 1959 at 8:00 P.M., to study what improvements, if any, can be made to improve Pinecrest Drive North of the Nine Mile Road.

You are hereby invited to attend this meeting.

Yours Very Truly,



L. P. Kress
City Clerk

LPK:mv

*Discussion of this
at January discussion
meeting because of many
with possibility of P.R. including
if who thought to be relatively
unimportant one way or the
other. E.M.*

WOODLAND PARK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION I N C O R P O R A T E D

FERNDALE 20, MICHIGAN

March 9, 1959

Dear Neighbor:

Please set aside Monday evening, March 16 on your calendar to attend the annual meeting of the Woodland Park Improvement Association. We will meet in the cafeteria of the Roosevelt School at 8:00 P.M. Help your association by being there.

Following is the order of business:

1. Introductions.
2. Secretary's report.
3. Treasurer's report.
4. Summer mosquito spray.
5. Adjustment of dues and snow removal fees.
6. Report on the legal action against George Higgins.
(This should reach a verdict by March 16).
7. New business.
8. Election of officers. The following members have expressed a willingness to serve if elected:

President	Ben J. Port	671 W. Oakridge
1st V.P.	Morgan Miller	445 W. Drayton
2nd V.P.	Robert Schatz	373 W. Woodland
Treasurer	Paul Ewers	530 W. Drayton
Secretary	Grace Baker	381 W. Woodland
Directors	Jay Handelsman	479 W. Oakridge
	A. J. Walker	371 W. Oakridge
	F. M. Coffey	465 W. Woodland
	Robert Charlton	361 W. Woodland
	Mrs. W. H. Pleiss	212 W. Lewiston

Additional nominations will be welcomed. Please be certain that the person nominated is willing to serve.

Keep in mind Monday, March 16, 8:00 P.M. at the Roosevelt School cafeteria.

Very truly yours,

Earl A. Morrison

PRESIDENT WOODLAND PARK
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

between now - April 15
or later back.

Insect spray contains Lethane
which makes it
different from D. E. spray

March 16, 1959

ATTN: Woodland Association

Re: Spray Program

In answer to your request for a bid on Dutch Elm Disease and Insect Control in the Woodland Association, we, the undersigned submit the following bid;

One tree - 5	-	\$	2.30 ea.
Six trees	-		2.16 ea.
Seven trees	-		2.00 ea.
Eight trees	-		1.87 ea.
Nine trees	-		1.77 ea.
Ten trees	-		1.70 ea.
All trees over ten -			.75 ea.

These prices are based on the Dormant spray only. This work shall be done with a 1000 # pressure hydraulic spray unit using Michlin Chemical Co. "CX" 34.2% DDT oil emulsion spray.

Insect control shall be based on \$4.00 per lot per spray. This spray should last under normal conditions from 4 to 6 weeks. If due to abnormal weather conditions this spray breaks down within 3 weeks (21 days), an additional spray shall be applied at one half the normal rate. This spray is also a Michlin Formula containing 25% DDT, 2% Lethane, 55% Petroleum Xylol, 18% White oil and 2% emulsifier in a water solution. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

VETERANS TREE CO.
210 S. LaFayette
Royal Oak, Michigan

George F. Dawson
Geo. F. Dawson, Ches. Snowden
Charles Snowden

GFD/ves

L15-2500