

Backyard Drainage Control Sought By New Amendment

In an attempt to prevent neighborhood drainage problems resulting from new home construction, the Birmingham city commission is about ready to amend its building code to require "properly and adequately drained" yards.

But before adoption, the amendment has been sent to the building

code board of appeals for its reaction. Commissioners seek to eliminate chance of new landscaping from causing excess storm water to be diverted into or across neighboring yards.

Created in 1955 in the first year of the Eisenhower Administration, the Small Business Administration, in three years, made over 6,500 loans totaling \$175 million, nearly 4,000 of which were for rehabilitation in disaster areas.

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Police Work Cited

Birmingham Mayor William Roberts presents Police Chief Ralph Moxley with an outstanding achievements plaque at the city commission meeting Monday night. The award came from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, citing Birmingham for outstanding police traffic supervision in 1956. Birmingham is one of 44 U.S. cities to be so honored.

City to Sell 5 Lots Where Well Once Was

A hearing on the zoning of five lots in Pembroke Manor subdivision at the southeast corner of Eton and Derby roads has been set for Aug. 5 by the Birmingham city commission Monday night.

Minimum acceptable bid price for sale of the property, which is owned by the city, is \$57.50 per front foot.

A city well used to be on this corng. It has been in little use for some years, and recently the pump house was removed and the well filled in.

Okay Assessments For Access Drive

A special assessment roll to defray cost of an access drive to be constructed at the northwest corner of Fourteen Mile road and Pierce street was confirmed by the Birmingham city commission at its Monday night meeting.

To Test Parking Limit on Pierce

Parking on Pierce street between Brown and Frank streets will be restricted to two hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for a 30-day trial period as a result of agreement by the Birmingham city commission Monday night.

A police department survey showed that municipal parking lot No. 1, a block to the north, should accommodate those vehicles that will be forced off the street.

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Baby Sitting: From Sideline To Skillful Occupation

"Within the past 20 years, baby sitting has changed from a rather casual sideline to a skilled occupation.

This statement is taken from the forward of a 32-page guide for baby sitters issued recently by a sub-committee of the Michigan Inter-Departmental staff on children and youth.

To help the baby sitter perform her job with skill, the pamphlet offers safety precautions, instructions on helping children play happily, and hints on understanding the behavior and physical needs of children at different age levels.

The authors also describe responsibilities of the sitter to the family and of the family to the sitter. They are:

- RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FAMILY TO THE BABY SITTER**
1. Meet your baby sitter prior to an assignment so that she can know you, your children and your home.
 2. Introduce her to the physical setup of your home. Show her how to lock and unlock the doors, where to find the light switches and the telephone, how to regulate the furnace, where to find the child's food, clothing, equipment, playthings.
 3. Acquaint her with the schedule of your particular household such as information about meal-time, where the child plays, what time he goes to bed, does he say his prayers, have a story? What ventilation should there be in the bedroom? Are the lights on, does the door remain open? Where is the extra bedding kept?
 4. ACQUAINT sitter with family pets and their habits.
 5. Point out the danger spots in your home.
 6. Show her where the foods are kept for the child and give instructions about feeding.
 7. Instruct her as to whether she may go to sleep pending your return and, if so, where.
 8. Have an understanding as to what extras she is to do—wash dishes, iron, etc.
 9. HAVE A clear understanding about the use of your home—whether she may have guests, use the telephone, radio and television, what foods may be eaten.
 10. Try to have your child understand he must obey the sitter.
 11. Work out information sheet to be kept near the telephone.
 12. Tell her where you may be reached and when you expect to return.
 13. Tell a responsible neighbor that you are to be away and would like her to help in case of an emergency that the sitter cannot handle.
 14. Have an agreement as to the rate of pay she is to receive and pay her promptly.
 15. Make arrangements for her safe return home.
- RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BABY SITTER TO THE FAMILY**
1. Have an interview with the parent before accepting the job. This will acquaint you with the children, pets and the home in which you are to work.
 2. Let your parents know in advance where you will be working, your telephone number and how you will get home.
 3. Know your job. You are to keep the child happy and safe until his parents return.
 4. Make sure you are in good health.
 5. BE PREPARED to handle minor hurts and bruises.
 6. Ask for a written list of instructions from the parent.
 7. Know ways of getting the child to cooperate without threatening or frightening him.
 8. Be sure you know your way around the house—where the food is found, how the furnace operates, where the light switches are, and where danger exits.
 9. Be clear about the business arrangements when you are hired—time of arrival, length of assignment, getting home, amount to be paid and extras to do such as washing dishes, ironing, use of telephone, radio, television, snacks, friends and sleep.
 10. Don't be afraid to ask questions before the parents leave.
 11. KNOW WHERE the parents can be reached.
 12. Have the doctor's name to use in case of emergency.
 13. Know where the fire department can be reached.
 14. Obtain the name and phone number of a relative as well as that of a neighbor whom you might call in an emergency.
 15. Do not let strangers into the house.
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Outdoor Barbecue Successful, Says Local Store Mgr.

A savory ham and rolled rib roast were sampled by customers of the Birmingham Hardware store last week, after the meat was cooked within the store on an outdoor barbecue.

Using his own recipe, Robert Ormstead, a chef from California, proved his point that barbecuing can be done in a confined area without unpleasant odors or hazards, says Tom Cummings, manager of the Birmingham store.

Ormstead is hired by Big Boy Manufacturing company to demonstrate a line of outdoor cooking supplies from coast to coast.

Legion Band Gives Open Air Concert

The Red Arrow Legion band will give an open air concert from 7 to 9 p.m., July 13, at the home of J. E. Browns, 990 Wakefield drive, Birmingham.

The band will go to Grand Rapids for finals in two weeks, and Saturday's concert will be a golden opportunity for an outdoor practice before the competition.

Property Retained

The Birmingham city commission has retained the property on the southwest corner of Pierce and Frank streets from single family to income bungalow. No objections to the change were received at the public hearing Monday night.